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80 parking spaces to be lost in site work

THE number of car parking spaces in Dudley town centre will be reduced as work to build a new advanced technology centre for Dudley College begins this summer.

Almost 80 spaces of the 230-space Priory Road car park will make way for the college's advanced manufacturing and engineering base. As part of the work, the college will resurface the car park's remaining 151 spaces before construction of the centre begins in July. The college will offer 68 spaces at its Broadway and Wolverhampton Street sites to Dudley Council employees – the main users of the Priory Road site.

The provision will be made until the council opens a planned multi-storey car park in Tower Street.

College principal Lowell Williams said: "Work on Dudley Advanced will begin in July and will see some areas of the car park taken up for the new site.

"We will be refurbishing the rest of the car park and reopening it with as much improved 130-space facility with new lighting.

"To offset the reduction of car parking spaces on Priory Road the college and council have agreed that 68 spaces on the college's Broadway and Wolverhampton Street sites will be made available to council staff."

Boss of zoo is honoured

THE chief executive of Dudley Zoo has received an award for his outstanding contribution to arts in the Midlands.

Peter Suddock was honoured for his work as chairman of Leaps and Bounds Trust, an arts charity for disadvantaged youngsters. He was among 17 leaders from the region to be honoured at Jaguar Land Rover's Business Champions reception at Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery. Mr Suddock, 66, of Worfield, Shropshire, said he was delighted.

POOR TEAMWORK IN CHILD TRAGEDY

by Louise Jew

SOCIAL services in Dudley and Sandwell have admitted 'poor' joint working in the case of an underweight little girl who died in a cold room while her mother watched a DVD.

The failure of the two authorities to settle their differences over who should be responsible for the protection of 18-month-old Keidey-Ellese Earp was of 'great concern' to the panel that investigated the case. The Crown Prosecution Service made a decision last July that there should be no criminal action against any member of Keidey's family following a police investigation into her death.

Waste firm snub angers campaigners

CAMPAIGNERS have been left fuming after bosses behind controversial plans for a waste recycling plant refused an invitation to meet them face-to-face to discuss their concerns.

Energy firm Clean Power Ltd wants permission for the development on disused land near a railway line, off Moor Street, Brierley Hill, close to the former Royal Brierley Crystal glassworks.

But residents fear the plant would blight the town, leading to increased traffic along already busy roads. Officials from the firm were invited to attend a public meeting so residents could put forward their concerns.

But councillors claimed the firm had declined to attend – although the public meeting will still go ahead on May 15, with the venue still to be determined. The development would employ around 30 staff and would turn waste into gas to generate electricity. Concerns stem from the amount of traffic that would regularly enter the new site, with potentially three lorries an hour accessing the plant.

Councillor Judy Foster, ward member for Brockmoor and Pensnett, said the firm's refusal to attend a public meeting was a disappointment, and a second invitation had now been sent to them.

Clean Power Ltd spokesman Gavin Miller said the firm was aware of the second invitation and would consider the matter further. He said the company had already staged public consultations and had heeded people's concerns.

Black Country Coroner Robin Balmain, who last week recorded an open verdict on the little girl's death from a mystery illness, said it would be dangerous to say it was due to neglect.

Keidey's devastated mother Elizabeth Duffell, 22, said: "I would have done anything to stop my daughter's death."

Dudley and Sandwell social services, together with other agencies involved in child protection, are implementing a total of around 60 recommendations for improvement from their own reviews of the case.

And a review panel, led by social work consultant Alan Ferguson, has come up with eight overall recommendations.

Sandwell Social Services had been monitoring Keidey's case since April 2011, when she was living at her grandmother's home in the borough – but, when the family moved to Dudley, they were 'wrangling' about who should be in charge.

Failing

There were concerns that Keidey was failing to thrive and not putting on weight.

But it was not until December 1, 2011 – two days before Keidey's death, after she had been left on a cot under a window in her cold bedroom at her home in Tansey Green Road, Pensnett – that Sandwell Council decided to launch court care proceedings.

Mr Ferguson, who carried out a 'safeguarding children board' enquiry following the death, said improvements centred around the way cases are transferred between local authorities and better liaison between their legal departments.

Health visitor Heather Chaloner, who works for the Black Country Partnership NHS Trust, told how she had made frequent visits to 18-month-old Keidey and her mother in Tansey Green Road, Pensnett from May 2011.

Mrs Chaloner said she had voiced her concerns to social services about the child's weight and a 'lack of engagement' with her mother.

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Local heroes are honoured



Dudley's mayor Councillor Melvyn Mottram with Gentlemen Songsters Male Voice Choir chairman Pete Hawthorne, vice-chairman Keith Moss, musical director Mike Wells and assistant musical director John Walley

DUDLEY'S top community heroes have been recognised at an awards ceremony.

The Mayor's Civic Awards were held at Dudley Town Hall, and 200 people were invited to celebrate the achievements of groups and individuals who went the extra mile to improve the area. Six categories produced nominations from sports and education volunteers to arts groups and environmentalists.

The winner of the top award, the Mayor's Award, was The Gentlemen Songsters Male Voice Choir, which has been entertaining since 1957. The award had been decided after the mayor chose four nominees. The four – including The Hope Centre, Gloria Donovan from the Royal British Legion and the Dudley Olympics – were then put to a public vote. In the other categories, 91-year-old Nevil Jaynes won the Duncan Edwards award for sport for his work in supporting non-league football with Dudley Town FC. The Cedric Hardwicke award for arts was won by Sheila Littlewood, who has run an art and drama group for people with learning disabilities in Stourbridge.

Marion Griffiths, a trustee and campaigner for the White House Cancer Support Group in Dudley, won the Frank Foley award for community spirit.

The Thomas Attwood award for education went to Jeannette Mackinney, National College Local Leader of Education, for her work raising the standards of education in the borough. The Big Clean Up Group won the William Shenstone award.

Review on crossing where man was killed

A REVIEW will take place into safety at a crossing in a Dudley town after an elderly man was knocked down and killed.

Concerns have been raised over the busy crossroads in Brierley Hill outside the police station following the serious accident. Navy war veteran Arnold Soulsby, aged 90, died after being struck by a skip lorry while crossing at the Bank Street traffic lights on January 30.

Ward councillor Rachel Harris visited the junction along with traffic officers from Dudley Council to see if any improvements can be made.

Changes to the sequencing of the lights will be considered alongside the introduction of clear crossing signs for pedestrians.

Residents spoke at a recent public meeting to air their concerns about the busy junction leading onto Brierley Hill High Street.

Mr Soulsby, of Miles Court, in John Street, was thought to be walking to nearby shops when the accident happened. Results of the review will be available in due course. An inquest has been opened and adjourned.

Archdeacon moving on

THE Archdeacon of Dudley, The Venerable Fred Threthwey, is to step down after 12 years in the post.

The Rev Threthwey will retire from the ministry at the end of September to take up a new role as Priest-in-Charge of Christ Church in Brittany, France.

He has been a vicar in the town since 1988, serving at St John's Church, Brockmoor and chaplain at Russell's Hall Hospital as well as Rural Dean of Kingswinford.

His new role in Brittany will be part of a chaplaincy serving mostly English and English-speaking people.

He said: "It is with very mixed feelings that I look forward to the next chapter in my life and ministry."



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Mother says daughter was her world

THE mother of tragic underweight child Keidey-Ellese Earp has spoken of how the little girl was 'my world'.

Single mother Elizabeth Duffell, aged 22, said: "She was my little girl and I loved her to pieces. It's been portrayed that I left her in her cot to die - but I can't help it that she passed away. My little girl was my world."

Social services in Dudley and Sandwell have been criticised for the

way they 'wrangled' about who should look after 18-month-old Keidey, who died at her home in Tansey Green Road, Pensnett, on December 3, 2011. Miss Duffell told the inquest she had been watching a DVD in the next bedroom when Keidey died and had not realised what time it was.

Speaking after the inquest, Miss Duffell claimed it was she who initially called in social services to help

her find accommodation because she and Keidey were living at her mother's home in Sandwell and it was 'overcrowded'. "I was phoning them for help," she said.

"I'd never had social services involved before but I phoned them in April 2011. I had been made homeless," she said.

"They put me in temporary accommodation in a bed and breakfast and then I found the property in

Tansey Green Road myself. The property in Tansey Green Road had no heating but Sandwell social services said they would no longer find accommodation for me but they told me my mother's home wasn't suitable because of overcrowding," she claimed.

"I've been portrayed as such a bad person, which I'm not. I would have done anything to stop my daughter's death."

Tragedy of little Keidey who died in cold room

AN underweight baby girl died after being left alone in a wet cot by a window for more than four hours - following months of "wrangling" by two social service teams about responsibility.

Sixty recommendations have now been drawn up by Dudley and Sandwell councils after the case of tragic 18-month-old Keidey-Ellese Earp was not picked up in time by the authorities. An inquest heard that court care proceedings by social workers, who had been monitoring her case for seven months

Bosses vow lessons will be learned over death

LESSONS have been learned following the tragic death of Keidey-Ellese Earp, social services bosses have vowed.

A Smethwick inquest heard last week that agencies involved in monitoring 18-month-old Keidey amid fears for her wellbeing because she was failing to put on weight had implemented around 60 recommendations to improve the way they handle child care cases.

Keidey weighed just under 8.5kg, (19lbs), putting her in the lightest 0.4 per cent of youngsters, just before she died. Expressing "sadness" at the death, John Polychronakis, chairman of Dudley Safeguarding Children Board, speaking on behalf of both authorities, said: "An independent review has been carried out which concluded this tragic death was not predictable or preventable.

"The report does, however, highlight a number of areas of learning and identifies a number of recommendations, many of which have already been implemented."

over concerns she was failing to thrive, was launched just two days before her death.

An expert investigating the case said court action should have been taken considerably earlier. The cause of the girl's death may never be known after a coroner recorded an open verdict, but said it was probably due to the cold conditions she was left to lie in.

Keidey's single mother, 22-year-old Elizabeth Duffell, had been watching a DVD in the next bedroom when her daughter died.

Paramedics

She had been left in the cot but, when paramedics arrived at the house at 3pm on December 3, 2011, the child was lifeless on the floor. Miss Duffell, now of Newhall Road, Rowley Regis, told the inquest her lifestyle was chaotic when moving house.

"I didn't know if I was coming or going," she added. Miss Duffell said the child's father, Martin Earp, had given her no help in bringing her up.

Sandwell social services had been monitoring the girl since April 2011, when she had been living with her grandmother. But Keidey and her mother moved to Tansey Green Road, Pensnett, and discussions began about handing the case over to Dudley Council.

Consultant Alan Ferguson, who was commissioned to carry out an inquiry, said Dudley refused to accept responsibility unless "stable child protection plans" were in place. Her case stayed with Sandwell Council. Mr Ferguson said: "There was dissent between the two councils."

Artists giving town the blues



Promoter Gary Child, front, with the Tremblones outside blues festival venue Stourton Park, the home of Stourbridge Rugby Club

MUSICIANS are tuning up for Stourbridge's first-ever blues festival later this month. The event will feature 11 acts and be spread over 12 hours at Stourbridge Rugby Club's Stourton Park on May 18.

Organiser Gary Child, who came up with the idea after being challenged by a friend, said out of 300 tickets available, 197 had already been sold. He said: "Tickets are

selling very well - Stourbridge has a good music scene and I think this is something many people have been waiting for.

"We are going to have a 12-hour event showcasing a range of good, local blues bands from start to finish."

Tickets are £10 and available at stourbridgebluesfestival.co.uk or at Stourton Park on Bridgnorth Road.

Theatre group to wait for findings

COUNCILLORS have received a crucial report analysing the future of Dudley Hippodrome - but they are keeping campaigners on tenterhooks before revealing its findings.

Members of the Friends of Dudley Hippodrome group submitted their own business plan to council officers on how they could raise funds to reopen the theatre.

It also detailed how the entertainment venue would earn cash including income raised by hosting top touring shows from the West End.

But the document has been scrutinised by independent assessors at Herefordshire consultants Artservice since January.

They were looking into whether the plan was financially viable allowing the campaigners to take over the Castle Hill theatre.

Dudley Council wants to bulldoze the site.

Council deputy leader Councillor Shaikat Ali said: "We have received the report and are currently discussing the findings. We will of course also be meeting with the friends group."

Friends group chairman Geoff Fitzpatrick urged the council to reveal the findings as soon as possible.

Run aims to boost health

YOUNGSTERS have the chance to take part in a fun run event later this month to promote healthy living and keeping fit.

Pupils aged between five and 12 will run through Stourbridge's Mary Stevens Park on May 25. The Schools' Fun Run has been organised to also get families interested in running.

Separate runs will take place for those aged between five and eight, nine and 10 and 11 and 12, and are open to all, regardless of ability. Parents can reserve their child's place at www.elm-field.com.

Cold food rescue

A COLD storage specialist came to the rescue of a Dudley secondary school which faced losing frozen food worth around £2,000. Work on The Kingswinford School's electrics meant freezers were turned off so logistics and cold storage group ACS&T came to the rescue and stored the food.

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Fears on shortage of medics

AMBULANCE bosses have raised concerns about a shortage of paramedics in the wake of increasing demand on the service.

Crews were called out to just over 12,000 incidents in the Black Country during March, with 15,340 in Staffordshire and just over 14,000 in the West Mercia region.

Across the West Midlands, the 76,958 incidents were 5.1 per cent more than the service had expected.

Barry Thurston, West Midlands Ambulance director of service quality, said various pressures from outside the service had left it short of numbers.

He said: "There just aren't enough hours in the system for the activity we have. At the moment, if we push in one place, it bulges somewhere else. We're just desperate for more bums on seats."

Mr Thurston's comments came following a presentation by Nathan Hudson, general manager of the Birmingham division of the ambulance service, who told of the pressures faced by his colleagues.

He said staff were working too much overtime and missing some of their training.

Inquest on woman, 40

A WOMAN with a history of solvent abuse set fire to herself while sniffing hair-spray, suffering 90 per cent burns, an inquest heard.

Sharon Hill, 40, was rushed to Birmingham's Queen Elizabeth Hospital on April 17 but suffered a cardiorespiratory arrest due to her injuries and died.

The inquest on Miss Hill's death was opened and adjourned at Smethwick Coroners Court. Black Country coroner Mr Robin Balmain said Miss Hill, of Rutland Place, Wollaston, had a history of solvent abuse.

Water repairs

A ROAD in Rowley Regis will be closed for a week for emergency repair work to a foul water connection. It will affect part of Queens Drive.

The work is due to take place between April 29 to May 5. Traffic will be diverted via Buckingham Road, Throne Road and vice versa. Bollards at the junction of Queens Road/Buckingham Road will be removed.

School gets £500,000 for major revamp



Bronwyn Hedley - delight

AN ACADEMY in Kingswinford has scooped more than £500,000 to help it transform ageing classrooms and create extra teaching space.

Work will start this summer on the project at The Kingswinford School thanks to the grant from the Education Funding Agency.

A new food technology cookery classroom will be installed along with a hi-tech science laboratory and modern new drama studio.

Headteacher Bronwyn Hedley said the staff and governors were "absolutely delighted" to receive the

cash and were raring to get the transformation under way.

"This is a historic moment for the school and we cannot wait to see work start," she said.

"These projects will update and enhance the learning environment of our students and will benefit their education and lives for many years to come."

In total, £562,000 was received from the agency after school business manager Gill White submitted an application around four months ago. The school, in Water Street,

achieved converter academy status last year, which means it draws its money from central government rather than a sponsor or local education authority.

A new science lab will be created by converting the present food technology classroom.

Staff have already started dreaming up ideas for the equipment they would like to see and are also gathering views from the pupils.

Food technology will be moved to incorporate it with the design and technology block. The new drama

studio will have the latest lighting technology and other modern features to allow the students to learn the latest theatre techniques and performance skills.

Pupils studying textiles will benefit from a completely refurbished classroom.

Meanwhile, outside the main school buildings, three new classrooms will be built in a single-storey block for English lessons, with IT equipment fitted.

The school hopes the work will be completed by March next year.

Academy delighted at £1.6m windfall for new sports hall

AN academy in Dudley has won £1.6 million to help transform its grounds and create a modern sports hall.

Preparatory work will start within a fortnight on the project at Holly Hall Academy thanks to cash from a government funding scheme. However, plans to build an outdoor all-weather pitch have been put on hold in the meantime after staff failed to secure the additional cash needed.

But Principal Graham Lloyd, who has been at the school 12 years, said staff were still celebrating the news.

"Everyone connected with the academy is thrilled by our success," he said.

"This development is something I have been trying to achieve since I came to Holly Hall."

The sports hall will contain space for four badminton courts and a full-size basketball court. Space for netball and handball courts will also be created inside.

A new fitness suite packed with gym equipment is also going to be installed alongside changing rooms. Staff hope to use the gym area in lessons teaching children about healthy living and keeping fit.

Part of the money is also going towards creating a modern dance studio with a sprung floor.

The grant came from the Academies Capital Maintenance Fund Application.

Contractors are expected

by Andrew Turton

on site on May 7 to being early work at the academy, off Scotts Green Close, Holly Hall. Mr Lloyd said they hope the new building will be open by the start of the spring next year.

He added staff were raring to use the new facilities as many of the old buildings were in need of repair.

Staff said the existing sports hall and changing rooms suffered severe water damage in recent years, forcing around £30,000 of running repairs.

"We have a tradition of sporting excellence and I have a team of dedicated PE staff who have worked very hard over many years with sub-standard facilities," he said.

Plans for the all-weather pitch near the sports hall won approval from Dudley Council last year. But the funding application for around £500,000 failed to be approved by government officials.



Lead nurse Lynn Thompson with bank mortgage consultant Josh Watchorn, fundraiser Karen Phillips and bank manager Kulvinder Kullar

Boost for families' room at hospital

A HOSPITAL waiting room used by families of patients is being given a much-needed £3,000 facelift after staff received donations towards the improvement scheme.

New carpets have been laid, walls painted and furniture installed in the Relatives Room at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital.

Staff members have long wanted to improve the room.

An appeal for donations was recently launched and £3,000 has been raised for the improvements to take place.

The scheme was given a major boost after receiving £1,000 from the Yorkshire Bank.

Staff hope to install facilities for making hot drinks once the work is completed.

Hospital fundraising co-ordinator Karen Phillips said it was used by families awaiting news of their loved ones.

She said: "We are so pleased this work has been carried out and want to thank everyone who has donated to the scheme."

Penguin party for Pingu

THERE were celebrations at Dudley Zoo to mark the birthday of the attraction's oldest Humboldt penguin.

The penguin, named Pingu, turned 22 last week and to mark the occasion received a fishy breakfast. Zoo keepers delivered birthday cards from people who had adopted the penguin. Pingu, named after the cheeky penguin in the Bafta award-winning animation TV series, was among five endangered Humboldt penguins which started the zoo's hugely successful breeding programme back in the 1991.

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RESEARCHERS in America claim there's more to a sneeze than we imagine. An outgoing person delivers a big, noisy sneeze while a shy person holds it in, producing a stifled squeak. In this way, say the scientists, a sneeze reveals your true character. Or should that be your true catarrh?

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IT WAS good viewing but let's not pretend that Broadchurch (ITV) was cleverer than it actually was. Its creator, Chris Chibnall, now reveals a trail of "little clues," including the slug that Ellie found on her carpet and squashed in the final episode. This was apparently a metaphor for an intruder in the house. Oh, really? This must be the first slug in history to go over everybody's head. As for the scene where cops allowed the murdered boy's father to the door of the police cell so that he could harangue the killer, it was plain daft.

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IN AN appeal to our sense of Englishness, that portly, true-blue Tory Eric Pickles promises to restore ye ancient county names such as Westmorland, Cumberland and Huntingdonshire. The Local Government Minister thunders: "Administrative restructuring by previous governments has sought to suppress and undermine such local identities." You can almost hear the tankards clinking in Conservative clubs all over the land. All hail the old county names. God rot those who suppressed and undermined our heritage. And who were these subversive Trotskyites of yore who swept away our precious old counties? It was Ted Heath's Conservative government.

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USEFUL terms for our time. "Safari round" – frantic search by doctors for patients lost in hospitals, as revealed this week by the Royal College of Nursing.

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A REPORT by something called the Institute for Economics and Peace claims that Britain is becoming more peaceful with violent crime down by a quarter in nine years. On the same day it was reported to MPs that nearly 1,500 sex attackers were let off last year with a caution. Something doesn't add up.

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BILLY Connolly, now a teetotaler aged 70 but a hard drinker in his youth, says he's having trouble remembering the punchlines of his jokes. Nae bother, Billy. If in doubt, just crank up the Glaswegian accent and give them the old faithful: "Say, doctor, can ye nae take away the pain but leave the swelling?"

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A ROUNDABOUT in Warsaw may be renamed after Baroness Thatcher. Local politicians say a roundabout makes U-turns unnecessary, and Mrs T was famously not for turning. It's a fine tribute to a lady who was often more appreciated overseas than at home.

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THE Metropolitan Police have spent a whopping £68,000 having that distinctive three-cornered sign moved just 15 yards at New Scotland Yard. That's almost enough to pay for a police and crime commissioner. The difference is that everyone knows what a sign is for.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Empty shop figures wrong, firm told

COUNCIL bosses have invited officials who ranked Dudley top of the table for empty shops for a fact-finding visit after claiming the ratings are inaccurate.

They have written to the Local Data Company asking their statisticians to come and re-evaluate their findings. The company said 32.4 per cent of shops were empty in Dudley town centre in its latest report – the highest number for similar sized

towns in the country. But council leaders were dismayed, saying the rating was actually around 18 per cent, based on its own surveys.

They claim the firm, which analyses retail statistics use 'outdated boundaries and flawed methodology' to produce their reports.

Deputy council leader, Councillor Shaikat Ali, who is also the borough's regeneration chief, today said: "We don't want to have one

vacant unit in any of our towns and we are working hard to support existing businesses and to attract new ones into our towns.

"However, the inaccurate figures that make big headlines are not doing anyone any favours at all."

He added: "We hope they can come and work with our town centre officers to see what we are doing and to re-evaluate their boundaries and methodology in order to produce

more accurate findings in the future." The council has been backed by business for its work to help boost the economy, although it said there was still a lot to be done.

Outgoing Black Country Chamber of Commerce president Paul Bennett, added: "Recent increases in occupancy levels must be welcomed and reflected in surveys."

The firm was unavailable for comment.

Reserve walkers called to shop trolley dumpers

AROUND 20 shopping trolleys have been dumped at a Dudley beauty spot, prompting anger from councillors, who branded fly-tippers as irresponsible people who should be shopped.

The trolleys were strewn around Saltwells Nature Reserve, near Netherton and Quarry Bank. Councillors have appealed to everyone using it to report any fly-tipping.

Supermarkets across the area have revealed problems previously with trolleys being taken from stores.

Ward Councillor Bryan Cotterill said park wardens had collected the latest haul of 20 trolleys from around the 247-acre reserve within the past fortnight.

He said it was wasting time and money for the council.

"There should be a lot more respect for the countryside in this area from certain people," he said.

"They are being very irresponsible to just keep dumping trolleys."

Pride

He said people should take more pride in their area after also spotting trolleys wedged on the embankments off Pedmore Road.

Councillor Cotterill urged people to back the council's campaign Love Your Community that encourages people to report fly-tipping, graffiti and dog fouling.

Dudley Council's environment boss, Councillor Tracy Wood, said: "The people who dump these trolleys have no care or respect for their communities or environment."

"Saltwells in particular is a beautiful nature reserve and as a council we work hard to look after it."

"As part of our Love Your Community project we are looking for people to take ownership of their communities and do their bit to look after them. By working together we can maintain areas like Saltwells for everyone to enjoy."

Move approved

CONTROVERSIAL plans to convert a Stourbridge school into an academy have been approved by governors despite protests from campaigners. Union members and teachers formed picket lines outside Redhill School, Junction Road. But now the school will be converted by June 1.



Nature warden Stephen Rowland with councillors Bryan Cotterill and Tracy Wood

Gym team have target of £45,000

CAMPAIGNERS want to open a £45,000 outdoor gym in a Dudley Park, aimed at tackling obesity.

The Friends and Residents of Buffery Park is raising money for 12 pieces of equipment which it is hoped will be installed this summer.

Secretary Lynn Horton said: "We hope it could help with obesity, which can be a problem in this area."

"A lot of people want to get fit and go to the gym but it's very expensive. Especially when a lot of people here are out of work."

Chairman Steve Briscoe said: "They have been very successful in the neighbourhoods where they've been used at fighting obesity."

Ward councillor Shaikat Ali said: "We've been able to bring about a lot of improvement in the park and it is well-used."

The group has already been successful in getting a number of grants towards the £45,142 price tag with Mr Briscoe saying about £30,000 had been raised.

Lions need flower power

LIONS clubs across the region have combined to offer plant-lovers the chance to place their orders for their blooms.

The Plant Sale Project is being run by Burntwood, Walsall and Kingswinford & Stourbridge branches.

They have combined to distribute 20,000 booklets on May 18 but need volunteers to help pick, check and pack more than 400 orders in around four hours and deliver them on the same day. A website, www.lionsplantsale.co.uk has been set up for customers.

At least 80 volunteers are needed. Anyone who can help should call John Wallage on 07968 297111 or email john.wallage239@btinternet.com.

Flood project up for award

A PROJECT to prevent sewer flooding in Dudley has been nominated for an engineering award.

The Hinsford Close project involved Severn Trent Water, Enterprise Management Services, GHA Livington and Carlow Precast Concrete Engineering.

The final of the Institution of Civil Engineers West Midlands 2013 Awards was due to take place at the ICC, Birmingham, May 2.

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Anger over temporary wall repair

A RESIDENT has attacked Dudley Council for going ahead with a temporary fix to partly reopen a road after a landslide – instead of pressing ahead with a full repair.

The council said it has been unable to find out who owns the wall that collapsed. It decided to carry out a £10,000 temporary shore-up so that Red Hill could reopen in just one direction.

Mr Major Robins, aged 66, of The Heathlands, off Red Hill, complained at a meeting of Norton, Pedmore, Stourbridge East, Wollaston and Stourbridge Town Community Forum.

"It's a council responsibility to restore the road to its full access," he said.

"Having restored it at the council's expense they could then pass on the cost to the official owners when they are found."

Assistant director of planning Sue Holmyard said it was believed the bank, which collapsed on to Red Hill from the end of gardens in Margaret Drive on Christmas Eve, had many different owners and inquiries to establish the legal situation continued.

Pedmore and Stourbridge East Councillor Les Jones said: "We can't just spend money and then say we may be able to get it back."

Taste trials at hospital

PATIENT meals at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital are being revamped following complaints from people staying on the wards.

Staff have been trialling a new system aimed at providing improved choice and quality. Meals are brought in from outside and cooked on the wards under a programme called Steamplcity.

Patients have been asked for their views and their feedback will be used to make a final decision. The 10 participants shared their experience.

Chief executive Paula Clark said: "We visited the supplier of an alternative food system called Steamplcity and liked what we saw. Following this we have been running a pilot on one of our wards."

Society war talk

MEMBERS of Stourbridge Historical Society will be welcoming John Bourne, an expert on the First World War. He will talk about the effect of the war on his home town of Burslem, Stoke on Trent, on May 16 at 7.30pm at Stourbridge Town Hall.

Order granted to stop drinking on street

POLICE have been granted new powers to seize alcohol and ban drinking in the streets around Quarry Bank in a bid to stamp out booze-fuelled crimes and anti-social behaviour.

Residents and traders raised concerns with police about people drinking around the town centre and demanded rules be brought into curb booing near shops and homes.

New laws have been ratified to bring in a Designated Public Places Order, which enforces the ban making on-street drinking illegal.

Councillors welcomed the move saying it

was important to protect the image of Quarry Bank for visitors and shoppers.

Under the order, police officers and police community support officers can ask anyone believed to be consuming alcohol leading to anti-social behaviour to stop drinking and issue a £50 fixed-penalty notice.

Neighbourhood Sgt Duncan Rudge, of West Midlands Police, said the force had heeded concerns from residents wanting urgent action on the issue.

"Local businesses and residents have been telling us that they are unhappy with street drinking," he said.

"We have worked closely with Dudley

Council to obtain this on-street drinking ban with overwhelming support from local businesses and public houses."

The idea was put out to public consultation in December and received overwhelming support with 82 of 84 responses backing the plan. There are already such zones in Halesowen, Stourbridge, Dudley, Sedgley, Coseley, Woodseton and Upper Gornal.

Dudley Council's licensing committee chairman, Councillor Hilary Bills, added: "The council has received applications for alcohol bans for many different areas across the borough in recent years."

"The council takes these police applica-

tions very seriously and the licensing and safety committee has wholeheartedly backed the application, which we are sure will be welcomed by residents living in the Quarry Bank area."

Quarry Bank and Dudley Wood ward Councillor Bryan Cotterill said he believed the zone would be another step to a blanket ban on drinking in public in the borough.

"I'm supportive of it so long as it can be policed then it works quite well," he said. "A blanket ban would satisfy me. We want to protect the image of Quarry Bank."

Pubs or other permitted temporary public events will not be affected by the ban.

Triumphant team dedicates cup win to tragic manager



With the cup are Darren Owen's sons Joe and Luke with the team, manager Pete Thompson and coach Simon Westwood

A YOUTH football team in Stourbridge dedicates its cup success to its late manager, who died in a freak accident midway through the season.

Father-of-two Darren Owen died aged 36 after a fall while collecting Christmas decorations from the loft of his home in Dudley in December. He had managed Stourbridge Football Club Under-11s, which has now scooped silverware in the league cup.

The side, which includes his 10-year-old son Luke, won the Stourbridge and District Youth League Under-11s competition, beating Kewford Eagles South 2-0.

At the game at The Dell Stadium a week ago last Sunday, Darren's widow Becky handed out the winning medals to the side while his other son Joe, eight, was a ball boy.

Last Wednesday, following a league game against Halesowen Town at King Edward VI playing fields, the team met up again with Mrs Owen again for photographs to be taken.

Spurred

Coach Simon Westwood said: "Darren's death was a massive shock to everyone involved at the club."

"It affected us all, but after the two weeks off the players came back determined to give their best and achieve something in memory of Daz."

"The league asking Becky to award the winning medals at the game only spurred the team on and it was a great moment when we lifted the cup."

Former assistant manager Peter Thompson has since taken over Mr Owen as manager of the side.

The team is fifth in the league's top division, but has games in hand and could still come top.

At last week's game, which the team won 3-0, the players turned out in specially-made polo shirts with Mr Owen's



Darren Owen - lovely man

name on them. Mr Westwood, 39, from Brierley Hill, said: "He was a brilliant person, a hard-working man, but most of all a lovely man – it still makes me sick to think he has gone."

"The success of the side was down to him. It was him who laid down the foundation, me and Peter have only followed his lead."

Mr Westwood said Mr Owen would always be remembered for his hard work.

"He was loved by the kids and popular with all the managers in the division and what we have achieved is all down to Darren's work during the pre-season," he said.

"The amount of cards and well-wishes we received following his death was phenomenal and a real tribute to how much he was liked and respected."

Mr Westwood said despite success the side would not be resting on its laurels and hoped to continue winning.

New nets prove to be just the wicket

MEMBERS of a Stourbridge cricket club are bowled over by their top class new nets – worth £36,000. The English Cricket Board chipped in £27,000 towards the "county class" facility at Oldswinford Cricket Club, with Istock County Environmental Trust topping it up to the total needed.

The former concrete based nets, which had been at the pitch, off Albemarle Road, for at least 20 years, were dug up to provide the new, artificial grass carpet surface, surrounded by 12ft high nets with a surrounding 10ft tall security fence.

Work to install the two-lane nets was carried out during the winter and they are now in use every week. The club has a total of nearly 200 members, including five adult teams and around 120 youngsters aged seven to 16.

Representatives of the Worcestershire Cricket Board joined club members for the official opening of the new nets by Mayor of Dudley Councillor Melvyn Mottram.

Tickets going well for Irish singer Ann

TICKETS are selling fast to see Irish singer Ann Breen as she arrives in the region on her latest tour.

Best known for single Pal of My Cradle Dunes, she will stage her show at The Station Hotel, in Dudley, on Sunday afternoon.

The performance will be at 2.30 in the hotel ballroom on Castle Hill, and tickets are £10.

She launched her singing career with a country band, aged 16, performed cabaret until 1981 when she recorded her first album.

She formed her own band in 1983 and started touring as a professional singer.

In the early 1990s, she moved to Buckinghamshire and lived there until moving back to Ireland in 2004.

For further details and tickets call the organiser on 01922 417633 or for more information about the singer visit www.annbreen.com.

NEWS in brief

Artists to show work at centre

ARTISTS and craftspeople based at the Ruskin Glass Centre, Stourbridge, will be opening their doors to the public. The Open Studios event on May 18 and 19 will coincide with Craft and Design Month. Artists will display a wide range of creations from textiles to glass crafts to jewellery.

Centre manager Leigh White said: "There is so much talent in the Stourbridge area, and it will be great to see the public getting involved and being able for the first time to meet and talk to individual artists in their own studios."

Homes plan for former pub site

A FORMER pub in Lye could be demolished and replaced with six homes. The Balds Lane Tavern, Balds Lane, was shut three years ago by Marston's.

Now, owner Meadowdale Homes has submitted a planning application to demolish it and build six two-bedroom houses. Simon Hanson, vice-chairman of the Campaign for Real Ale's Stourbridge branch, said he was disappointed, adding: "Any pub closing in the area is sad news."

New venue for forum meeting

DUDLEY'S Forum of Older People will try a new venue for its next meeting. The event, on May 20 at 1.30pm, will be at Insight House, Pearson Street, Brierley Hill.

There will be a talk about the work of the Black Country Food Bank, new Quality of Life standards in Dudley and the Home Instead care agency. Membership is open to over 50s living in Dudley borough.

Travelling poet to spread word

A POET is travelling from Manchester to Kidderminster to appear at a Mouth and Music night at the Boar's Head, Worcester Street, on May 14.

Dominic Berry – described as "totally nuts" – will appear with local musician Johnny Gash. It starts at 8pm.

Fair at church

THERE will be a spring fair at St Andrew's Church, Bilston Street, Sedgley, on Saturday, May 11 from 10am to noon. Stalls will include clothes, books, plants and bric-a-brac. Refreshments will be available. Proceeds will go to church funds.

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ANDREWS

SO IT looks like the infamous hate preacher Abu Qatada will be with us for the foreseeable, following the Government's latest failed bid to deport him on terror charges.

While judges at the Court of Appeal have said the deportation of Qatada, described as Osama Bin Laden's right-hand man in Europe, was long overdue, they also ruled that the danger he posed to the public was not 'a relevant consideration' under human rights laws.

Of course it's not.

However, I feel I might have an answer. Anti-social behaviour orders have come under quite a bit of flak lately, generally dismissed as a soft option for young hooligans who wear them as a badge of honour.

However, their credibility would be restored once and for all if they could protect us from this old reprobate.

No doubt most of you would agree that Mr Qatada is generally a pretty anti-social individual, involved in a wide variety of pretty anti-social behaviour traits. You know, blinking, breathing, giving motivational talks to suicide bombers, that sort of thing.

So why not make him subject to an anti-social behaviour order prohibiting him from doing any of these things. Every time he breathes or blinks, it's five years in the slammer.

No doubt the beaks will let him off, fall for the usual sob stories about him falling in with a bad crowd - let's face it, bad crowds don't come much worse than al Qaeda - and being determined to make a fresh start. But it's got to be worth a try.

IT SEEMS winning a £3 million share of a lottery syndicate has not brought much happiness to former bus driver John Noakes. Indeed John says life has been so tough for him and his family he is now planning to leave the UK, and begin a new life in, er, Cyprus.

Are you sure you've thought this one through, John?

NOT so long ago, the global-warming fans were warning that unless we all ditched our patio heaters and cycled to work at the lentil processing plant, then we would all be burned to a crisp during the sizzling summers, or drown as the UK became submerged Twenty-Thousand Leagues Under The Sea.

Now they tell us we will experience a little more turbulence as we jet off on holiday in search of the sun.

It's progress of sorts, I guess.

DOCTOR: "I'm afraid Aynuk, you are suffering from infertility." Aynuk: "Is that hereditary?"



Feeding time - Cameron Taylor and Jodie Scott with the giraffes



Plastered - Megan Luckins and Mariam Ajalb are nurses for the day



Tucking in - Alexandra Thomas and Laura Liptrot eating cream cakes



Roll of honour - Ben Thompson gets ready to dive into the mountain

A man who makes dreams come true

Steve Ford works tirelessly to help fulfil the wishes of sick youngsters, as SHARON MARISS finds out

FROM eating cream cakes on a speedboat to diving into a mountain of toilet rolls - no dream is too big for charity volunteer Steve Ford who has made hundreds of children's wishes come true.

The 54-year-old works tirelessly to give youngsters, who have spent time in hospital, a day they will always remember.

Mr Ford has been running Wishing Well at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital for more than 20 years.

And he has now reached a major milestone after the 500th wish was granted as 15-year-old Emma Belfort got the chance to have a driving lesson.

Over the years, Mr Ford has granted a wide range of wishes, including Ben Thompson, who wanted to jump through a huge pile of toilet rolls and friends Alexandra Thomas and Laura Liptrot who ate cream cakes while zooming along on a speedboat.

Surprise

Children have met celebrities including golfer Justin Rose and singers Cliff Richard and Jason Donovan; ridden in helicopters and Ferraris and got close to their favourite animals at Dudley Zoo.

A particularly memorable wish for Mr Ford was when a boy asked to visit the Concorde cockpit.

After three unsuccessful attempts, his wish was hanging in the balance.

But then to their surprise it was fourth time lucky as the lad and his brother were instead taken for a flight on the famous plane.

Mr Ford visits the children's ward at the hospital twice weekly to give forms to the children asking if they would like a



Driving dreams... Emma Belfort with, left, Steve Ford and, right, Safe4Life's Ian Haycock and Glenn McKenzie

special wish granted. They are aimed at children aged seven or over but he says any wish is considered.

Mr Ford, of Ash Crescent in Kingswinford, said: "If I can set up something the children want then I will."

"I just make a few calls. Sometimes I have to search for people a bit but, once I find them, they're so helpful. I think they actually enjoy it too."

Medical hardships are things that Mr Ford knows a lot about.

Suffering from psoriasis and arthritis since childhood, he was forced to medically retire from his work at the Post

Office, aged 21. He began driving a van but had to stop that when he needed hip replacements as a 32-year-old.

Volunteering at the hospital radio in 1983, however, brought him in touch with hospital staff and six years later he launched his charity.

Spin

"For a youngster in hospital away from their family and friends it can be a bit traumatic. I'm just trying to help," he said.

For teenager Emma who was the recipient of the 500th wish, taking a spin

in a car was a memorable experience. The Redhill School pupil had wished for the driving lesson with Safe4Life after spending three days in A&E in February after a routine eye test discovered a condition called benign intracranial pressure on her brain.

Her mother Karen, aged 49, of Hadcross Grange, Stourbridge, said: "She was so excited about having her wish granted and was really looking forward to it. Afterwards she even wanted to drive my car. We're so thankful to Steve and to Safe4Life."

THROUGH THE YEARS

1983...

A BUSHBURY man celebrated a betting coup after winning £13,308 from a 10p stake. Steve Bonser was cheering on Wolves at Molineux when he found out the six horses he picked for the ITV Six bet had all won.

RAIN, rain and more rain led to a Bank Holiday weekend washout. The region suffered 4.7 inches of rain over the three-day holiday, which followed the third wettest April since records began in 1887.

A TOTAL of 25,000 walkers put their best feet forward to raise more than £200,000 for people with mental health issues. Organisers of the BRMB Walkathon were amazed at the result, which enabled Mencap to provide a home for adults in Birmingham.

1993...

A WOLVERHAMPTON teenager ran into a growing problem in his ambition to become a mounted police officer - his size 12 feet. Paul Swallow, aged 13, from Compton could not find riding boots to fit his long but narrow feet.

THERE was massive disruption on the Severn Valley Railway at Kidderminster after a Second World War grenade was found on the track. Army bomb disposal experts blew up the device in a controlled explosion causing the railway to close for five hours.

FORMER chef Christopher Bloor became the first man to qualify as a midwife in Staffordshire. Mr Bloor, aged 26, became one of less than 100 male midwives in Britain after passing an 18-month course at the North Staffordshire College of Nursing and Midwifery.

2003...

BLACK Country twitchers were urged to stake out their back gardens to count house sparrows as part of a nationwide survey looking at the species' dramatic decline. The count was organised by the RSPB, who said bird numbers had halved in the preceding 25 years.

ROBOTS made at a Black Country factory proved a hit with movie makers after they were snapped up to star in a string of Hollywood blockbusters. Kuka Welding Systems and Robots in Halesowen supplied two robots for Tomb Raider 2 and 15 machines for the Thunderbirds movie.

BRAVE punters at a Sedgley pub swallowed lemons, chillies and garlic before snogging a fresh cut in a charity endurance challenge. The tasks were lined up for drinkers at The Swan Inn to raise money for Acorns children's hospice in Walsall.

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Do not try to fix Easter

THIS is in answer to the question about why Easter should be fixed. The origins of Easter go back to the second century fixed by the first council of Nicaea.

The date is fixed by the first Sunday after the first full moon following the March Equinox.

Therefore, Easter Sunday can fall between March 22 and April 25. Easter is linked to the Jewish Passover, the last supper was the feast of the Passover. Easter is the main Christian Holy festival.

Many now have the Monday after Easter off as holiday, not the Friday, which is the

Holy day (holiday) being the day Christ was crucified.

The government has nothing to do with or gives help to any Christian church, financially or otherwise, so why should they dictate when our Holy days should be.

They do not interfere with any other religions in this country so why should they interfere with the Christian.

The Christian church respects all other religions. We also would like ours respected.

NORMAN D CADDICK
Upper Ettingshall Road
Coseley

Watch out
cat killers
are about

I WOULD like to bring to the public's attention the problem of missing cats in the Highfield area of Colley Gate. Over the last few months three to four cats have gone missing.

I have lost nine cats over four years. Some have been rescue cats but all have been microchipped and spayed, but they have still disappeared. They don't come back injured, sick or with gun pellets in them.

So I can only assume that they have been taken or killed by some means.

Be vigilant and phone the Cats Protection League or the RSPCA if you see a cat in distress.

MISS LEIGH GREENWAY
Highfield Crescent
Halesowen

Health thank you

I WISH to express my thanks to the paramedics and emergency services for their prompt and efficient action when I was taken ill recently. I would like to thank the doctors, nurses and staff in Ward C1 at Russells Hall Hospital for all the kindness and consideration shown to me during my stay there. My treatment and the food was exemplary. I could not have received better treatment anywhere.

JOYCE WOOLDRIDGE
Kingswinford

Is this double tax?

REGARDING the "bedroom tax", people living in three or four bedroom houses are already banded higher and pay more tax than those occupying smaller houses - so are they being taxed twice? Is this legal?

M MARTIN
Coseley

My label
is British
- 100pc

OUR Prime Minister has stereotyped the whole nation by saying: "We are all Thatcherites now."

Obviously, Mr Cameron has forgotten it was members of Lady Thatcher's cabinet that forced the lady to resign. Are these backstabbers still Thatcherites?

Some have forgot that among Lady Thatcher's many misdemeanours was she signed Britain up to the Single European Act, which later on turned into the European Union.

The question is will Mr Cameron undo all the damage Lady Thatcher done to us by joining the EU in the first place and allow us to leave the EU when the Great British electorate finally gets a vote to leave and thus condemning Mr Cameron to go down in history as the greatest anti-Thatcherite in history?

I am not Thatcherite or a European, I am 100 percent British.

CORDON EDWARD
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AMERICAN FBI, Boston police and the Swat and other law enforcement authorities have to be congratulated as to how fast they caught the two alleged terrorists following the marathon bombs.

But they wouldn't have done this without the CCTV cameras around the area.

These cameras have to be the best aids for the police authorities, yet in this country, around areas of Birmingham, they have had to take them down because of protests from the communities.

One has to ask why? This situation in Boston should bring debate in this country with regard to installing more of these cameras in order to assist the police in quickly solving crime.

The critics will obviously say, "Big brother is watching you", but my thoughts are if you have nothing to hide, you have nothing to be frightened of.

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NEWS

Scrap metal gang acted with 'military precision'

THESE are the faces of three members of a gang behind an £81,000 metal raid in Kingswinford.

A judge said the gang had struck with "military precision" and the defence said members behaved with "insouciance".

The thieves stole 112 tons of steel from Midland Steel Sections on the Gibbons Industrial Estate, after targeting the site soon after it closed for the weekend.

Two stolen trucks, weighing 32 and 26 tons each, were employed to make five trips loaded with the stolen steel during the weekend of March 26 and 27, 2011, the court heard.

Around 63 tons of the haul, valued at £34,000, was delivered to the Oldbury Metal Recycling plant run by Lee Stanley in Parsonage Street, Oldbury, where it was discovered hidden under scrap metal by police after a tip-off a couple of days after the raid. He had paid £12,000 for it, the court was told.

Confident

A further 47 tons of the stolen steel worth £34,000 was found in Manchester and traced back to EMR, Wolverhampton, which had bought it from Jarvis Metals, a scrap yard run by Joe Jarvis and his family in Ennerdale Road, Shrewsbury, where it had been dropped off by the gang. He admitted making £1,000 profit when he sold it four days later.

Mr Gareth Morley, defending, said: "They must have been pretty confident that they were not going to be disturbed. They behaved with insouciance, coming and going as they pleased over a 36-hour period."

Paul Hawkins, aged 41 from Fell Meadow Way, Sedgley, who was the "go between" for the gang, was jailed for four years. Jamie Anslow, aged 31, of Newnham Bridge, Tenbury Wells, got



Lee Stanley, aged 38



Jamie Anslow, aged 31



Paul Hawkins, aged 41



Part of the stolen metal. The raid appeared to be an inside job, the court heard

30 months behind bars. Both were convicted of conspiracy to burgle by a jury after a trial. Nicholas Tawse, 45, from Newark, Notts, was imprisoned for 38 months after admitting the same offence.

Lee Stanley, 38, of Skidmore Road, Coseley who pleaded guilty to two charges of handling stolen goods was jailed for two years, while Joe Jarvis, 67, from Yockleton, Shrewsbury, received a two-year prison sentence suspended for two years with £15,000 costs after being convicted by the jury of one offence of handling. Sonny

Smith, 44, from Newark, was given a 32-month jail term at an earlier hearing after admitting burglary.

Jonathan Bates, 24, from Beddows Avenue, Coseley, who was convicted by the jury of conspiracy to burgle, will be sentenced this month.

Judge Michael Dudley told those he dealt with last week: "This was a highly sophisticated and planned burglary carried out with military precision."

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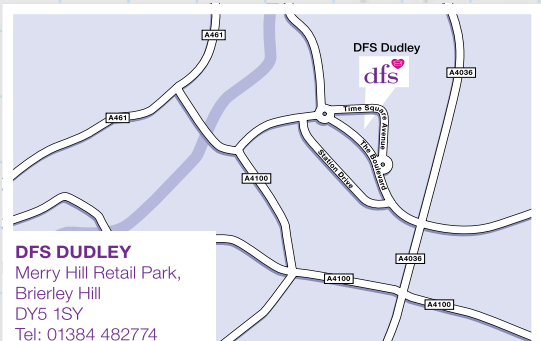
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NEWS

Expansion at brewery complete by summer

A £200,000 scheme to build a three-story extension at Black Country brewery Holden's has been further delayed, with work now not set for completion until July or August.

by Lee Watton

Work at the brewery in Woodsetton started last October, paving the way for an increase in production from 50,000 pints to 75,000 pints a week.

The project was due to be finished last December, but this was put back until the end of March after the plans were changed from a two-storey to a three-storey development.

Now the completion date has been delayed a second time.

Repairs

Lucie Holden - who runs the business with her brother Jonathan and sister Abi - said work was continuing.

"It has taken a little longer than we originally planned," she said.

"Our team working on the project have to carry our repairs and maintenance at other sites as well and this has helped things up."

"We are now expecting the project to be finished by July

or August. This is still acceptable within the timescales set out."

New storage tanks are being created as part of the work, including one which will hold 70,000 pints, and alongside this will be two fermenting vessels.

Bosses decided to go ahead with the extension thanks to a rise in demand for real ale, with the plans including exporting one beer - the Golden Special - to Japan.

Further building work is expected to take place at the site over the coming years with proposals for a new visitor centre and brewery tours.

Other developments already completed include a new bottle store where visitors can buy merchandise and beers, and new offices.

The firm is one of the oldest in the area, having been founded in 1915.

Meow-sic to the ears



Andy Browne, of Stoford Retail, with Peaches, and clinic director Bonnie Leibowitch, with Sophie, and front, nurses Sophie Williamson, left, with Ozzie and Gemma Ward, with Millie

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NEWS

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A FORMER factory in the heart of the glass-making quarter in Stourbridge has been granted extra protection by heritage chiefs to prevent it from being demolished.

by Heather Large

They say Platts Glassworks has an important place in the Black Country's heritage.

Developers had hoped to bulldoze the buildings in Platts Road, Amblecote, last October.

But councillors voted in favour of granting a temporary order to halt demolition plans while an assessment of the buildings took place after being informed of the proposals.

The order has now been made permanent by cabinet member for regeneration Shaikat Ali.

It means any developers wanting to demolish the buildings will need to submit a full planning application to the council.

Councillor Ali said it would mean the real implications of the demolition could be assessed properly.

"It also allows the views of others to be taken into account before any formal

decisions are taken," he added.

But the order does not mean that the site can not be developed in the future.

Under previous rules, the council just needed to be notified if the buildings were going to be demolished.

They would only be able to make a comment on the way it was done to ensure public safety.

The 22-acre site was first used for glassmaking in 1704. Platts Glassworks was run by Joshua Henzey III and was specifically designed to produce bottles.

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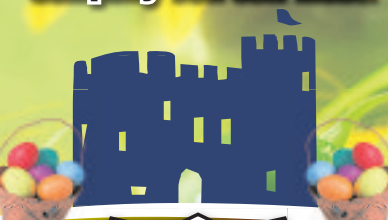
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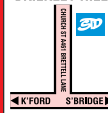
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NEWS

Restaurant in old bank is the order of the day

A FORMER bank in Stourbridge has been transformed into a £250,000 restaurant serving up cuisine from around the world.

Council officials have given the go-ahead for an alcohol and music licence for the premises in Lye High Street paving the way for bosses to open the doors.

Ghulam Namdar, who is the boss of the venue called Rose, said it could welcome its first customers as soon as this week.

He said the building, formerly Barclays Bank's opposite Christ Church, has undergone a £250,000 revamp since it was purchased in 2010.

It will seat almost 150 diners and offer food from around the world - among which will be Indian, Chinese, Italian and Mexican.

It emerged during the meeting at Dudley Council House that the authority had received two objections to the restaurant over fears of antisocial behaviour and a planning issue.

Despite this the licence was granted.

A previous application for the former-bank to be turned

by Adam Thompson

into a pizzeria was condemned by residents concerned over parked cars clogging up the high street.

Chair of the committee Councillor Hilary Bills explained the decision, she said: "We did receive representations from two local residents who raised concerns of problems in the area which is nothing directly from the premises."

"The other was a planning issue but this is not an issue for this committee to decide on. Therefore the application is granted."

Mr Namdar said after the hearing: "I'm delighted by this outcome. I bought the building in 2010 for around £250,000 and I've spent another £250,000 carrying out work to it."

"The centre of Lye is a popular area for places to eat and I'm hoping to offer something different."

Archer targets school



Paralympic archer Mel Clarke with nine-year-old Awaiz Agur, who is wearing her Olympic silver medal

A PARALYMPIC archer who won a medal at the London games aimed her sights on inspiring the next generation during a school talk. Silver medalist Mel Clarke, visited Jesson's CE Primary School, Dudley, to tell the children the story of her rise to medal glory.

Around 400 children were captivated by tales of how she used her own determination to overcome an illness following which she was told she would never be able to do archery again. Clarke, aged 31, from Norwich, contracted Lyme disease from an infected bite in 2003 which left her paralysed and partially blind.

The visit was as part of the school's participation in the Be the Best You Can Be campaign which is a national project which aims to use the achievements from the games to inspire children. Headteacher Lucy Griffiths said: "Children who successfully complete this programme will be awarded a medal from the Royal Mint."

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Metal thefts war sees fall in raids

THE war on metal theft in Wyre Forest is being won with the number of raids down by more than 70 per cent.

New figures reveal thieves struck 23 times in January to March, compared with 90 during the same period last year.

Police have been working to drive down the number of thefts in the district which has previously been plagued by raids on businesses, homes, churches and schools.

Hospitals and health centres, sports clubs and pubs have also been hit as raiders cash in on the rising price of scrap metal.

But West Mercia Police Superintendent Kevin Purcell said the number of thefts were falling. He said the Scrap Metal Dealers Bill passed in parliament in February, which placed tightened restrictions on the scrap metal industry, was one of the factors helping to reduce numbers.

Praise for economic Shuttle

IT covers less than a mile and trundles along at a maximum speed of 20mph with the engine of a car – but the Stourbridge Shuttle is being held up as the way forward for the national rail network.

A new book by leading railway author David Henshaw hails it as an icon in his new book, The Great Railway Conspiracy.

Mr Henshaw said the Parry People Mover rail bus, which ferries over 500,000 passengers a year on the three-minute link between Stourbridge Town and Junction stations, could be used to bring back into use branch lines which were axed by Dr Richard

Beeching 50 years ago. The Shuttle, which has been in operation on the Stourbridge line for four years, is made by Cradley Heath firm Parry People Movers Ltd and is powered by a 2.3 litre car engine.

The Stourbridge People Mover, which bears the London Midland livery, carries 60 passengers but the company has been offered grants of more than £1 million to develop a version that would hold twice that number and could travel at up to 50mph. "It could be the future for many lines," said Mr Henshaw, aged 53, who lives in Dorset. "I travelled on the Stourbridge Shuttle recently and it was brilliant – it was a Sunday afternoon but it was very busy."

"The most impressive thing is that it

saves on fuel and pollution and is cheaper to run."

John Parry, chairman of JPM Parry & Associates, the company behind the People Mover, welcomed the book.

"It's about time someone noticed what we are doing," he said.

"We believe that, in the four years that our People Mover has been operating at Stourbridge, we have saved the public purse well over £1m."

Parry People Movers has won a £700,000 order to supply a larger version for a sugar factory in Turkey and is also on the brink of clinching an American deal worth more than £1m.

There are proposals for a £5m passenger line on a freight track from Dudley and Brierley Hill to Stourbridge, which could use People Movers.



David Henshaw – book

Jobs created at training centre

A RECRUITMENT firm has opened training centre in Kidderminster. Seven jobs have been created at the eResponse Recruitment offices in Church Street.

The Worcestershire firm, which has offices in Worcester and Redditch, has invested £40,000 in the new site.

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Crash Test Brummies set off



Crash Test Brummies James Crawford, Damian Lee and Andy Crawford prepare for the challenge

A RACING team from the Black Country was due to set out today (Thursday) on a 4,000-mile round trip across Europe to raise money for two good causes.

Andrew Crawford, of Rowley Regis, his brothers James and Robert, and friend Damien Lee, all from Halesowen, have teamed together as the Crash Test Brummies to take part in Scumrun 2013. Starting in Dover the quartet will drive to checkpoints over four nights and five days, only being given the route at the start of each morning.

Some of the money raised will go to WellChild, which helps sick children and the rest will help pay for physiotherapy for Andrew's partner Jean, who suffers with a rare viral disease which affects her speech and balance.

Andrew, aged 30, and a parts advisor of Brickhouse Road, said: "We're a bit nervous about it but it should be a good laugh. It was my idea. I told the lads and they all jumped at it. Damien and I have been talking about doing it for years."

More than 100 cars are taking part in the challenge, which state participants have to compete in a car bought for no more than £500. The Crash Test Brummies will drive a 2001 Skoda Octavia estate and hope to get £1,500 in sponsorship.

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NEWS

Top chippy is frying high with award



Top quality – from left, Christopher Preece, Antony Akathiotis, MP Margot James, Mayor Melvyn Mottram, Michelle Mottram, and Davina Butcher celebrate the award given to Merchants fish and chips shop

A POPULAR chippy in Stourbridge has joined the fish-frying elite by winning a top quality award.

Merchants in Worcester Street is one of only handful in the region to receive the Fish and Chip Quality Award.

Owner Antony Akathiotis, aged 30,

who lives in Halesowen, described it as a "great achievement". He applied for the award on behalf of the shop, one of three he owns. "An assessor came around and spent about four or five hours looking at everything we do. They looked at the shop's food and its hygiene and health

and safety," he said. Mr Akathiotis added: "There are a lot of great chip shops in Stourbridge so to get the award is fantastic." Mr Akathiotis and the shop's staff were presented with their certificate by Stourbridge MP Margot James and Dudley Mayor Melvyn Mottram.

Scouts appeal on repairs

SCOUTS have launched an appeal for support to secure funding to help make vital repairs to their headquarters in Stourbridge.

Urgent work is needed on the roof and emergency lighting at the home of Stourbridge and District Scout Council. More than 700 scouts and their leaders use the base, off South Road, Norton, alongside members of the Girl Guides.

They managed to secure a grant of £5,000 towards the £9,000 cost for new chairs and tables from councillors on the Stourbridge area community forum. But they are now asking for an

additional £4,850 from a trust established by philanthropist Ernest Stevens for the benefit of community projects in Stourbridge.

Scout district commissioner, the Rev Alan Williams, said the cash would be a welcome boost. "It would be good if we could get the money because it will help us in the future," he said.

Activities

"We help to give children a place to go and also we try to remain a part of the community. It would also mean that we would be able to use more of our funds to pay for activities."

The Alderman Tye headquarters, near the Swan Pool Park, is the administration base for the districts' seven

main groups. But some 55 members of the explorer scouts group, aged between 14 and 18, rely on the availability of the main hall to hold their meetings.

The building was constructed in the 1960s but it is believed that little major repair work has been done since that time.

Mr Williams, who is vicar at Holy Trinity Church, in Amblecote, added: "The interest in scouting has increase in recent years. Employers do recognise the scouts' achievements which show people their skills and work in the community."

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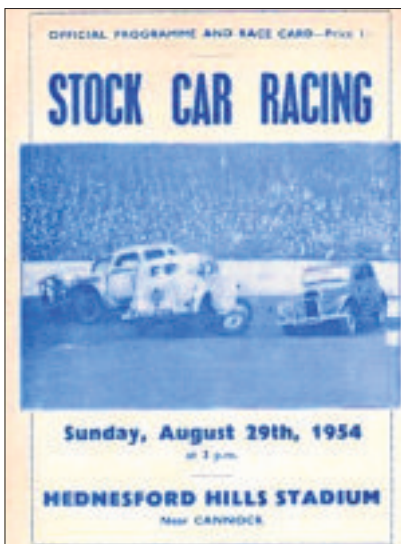
Crowds gather to watch the stock cars at the newly prepared track. Picture by Conrad Roe courtesy of David Kipling of www.oldstox.com



Crashes weren't unknown and were often the reason that crowds turned up. Picture by Conrad Roe courtesy of David Kipling of www.oldstox.com



Bulldozers prepare the bottom of what was Scott House Reservoir. Picture by Conrad Roe courtesy of David Kipling of www.oldstox.com



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Six decades of thrills and spills at raceway

THE smell of petrol and the sound of finely tuned engines have rung out at Hednesford Hills Raceway for 60 years.

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The sport of stock car racing really took off in the 1950s and more and more tracks began to spring up around the country as its popularity grew.

New locations for tracks were always being sought and in 1952 Claude Roe decided to use the disused Scott House Reservoir as a racetrack.

The reservoir which had been empty of water for more than 40 years, was quickly pegged out and

by Tom Mason

stands erected around its outer edge. With racers flying around the shale track in modified saloon cars the racing would often get quite messy with crashes and spills.

During the next few years, as the track's popularity grew, Claude began to host other events there including live acts such as chart-topper Ruby Murray.

But its popularity began to decline as race fans went to better established tracks.

However it was at this point that legendary racer Bill Morris stepped in to give the track its second life. Left without a track following the closure of Tamworth raceway Bill could see the potential in Hednesford and approached the new owners Cannock Chase Council to

see if he could buy it. Building work at the track began in the winter of 1961 and was completed in the summer the following year. By June 16, the cars were lining up on the track for the first race as part of the F1 stock car series.

In the following year Bill introduced hot rod to the UK crowds which was based loosely on America's NASCAR series.

Highly modified versions of everyday saloon cars took to the newly re-surfaced track flying round at incredible speeds. This proved very popular and the track really took off.

Hednesford would continue to rise in popularity during the 60s and 70s and in later years Bill passed the reins over to his son Martin and Philip Bond who set up Incarace which runs the track today.



Early stands that only stood in certain section of the tracks. Picture by Conrad Roe courtesy of David Kipling of www.oldstox.com



The reservoir soon after it was discovered as an ideal track location. Conrad Roe courtesy of David Kipling of www.oldstox.com

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A New Venture In Retail In Kingswinford



A former clothing factory in Kingswinford has seen many transformations over the decades but none have been quite as exciting and dramatic as what it has seen over the last six months. Cane Furniture Studio, situated on the Dawley Trading Estate, Stallings Lane are celebrating this latest transformation with an early May Bank Holiday Open Weekend inviting customers old and new to visit the studio to experience their 'Fusion of Cane Furniture and Art-Forms' event.

The location has been occupied as a local family business for more than five decades and it began in 1920 as Charles Fellows (Dudley) Ltd. Owner Diana Cope said

"Since Grandfather took on this first unit to be built at Dawley Trading Estate in 1956, our whole family were involved in it as a clothing factory until 1999. It is now transformed to a furniture outlet and was re-launched in September 2012 with new stock and a change of concept." Diana has recently completed a BA and has seized the challenge of introducing Contemporary Art alongside furniture as a holistic creation of a vibrant space. She added "This unique atmosphere is not experienced in other furniture retail stores. Putting our own choice of fabrics and wall-art together, with fresh flowers in one living space is a very fundamental idea which people have been expressing since cave men drew on walls. At Cane Furniture Studio there is a brilliant in-

house re-cover service offered and a carefully chosen range of lighting and affordable art for sale. The emphasis is on visitors experiencing the whole package personally, which is entirely different from shopping online. Our future plans are to create a gallery space where local artists and photographers can show their work and demonstrate personal skills." The Bank Holiday weekend promises to be packed with 'Managers Special Offers' with

be exhibiting original work with Paul Langford, a Birmingham based artist interested in how the natural world influences man's own space and Diana herself who focuses on how nature colonises surfaces, mostly by 'Doodles' with floral studies by Jackie Eddy.

So two definite dates for your diary are Saturday the 4th and Monday 6th May, why not go along and have fun with the team at Cane Furniture Studio,



the Team on hand offering their expertise. On Monday 6th May the event includes the demonstration of creating jewellery by Pascale Bigot, a well known local artist. She will also

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KATIE, sensual curvy figure, well educated, attractive and very adventurous, seeks male for intimate evenings in. Can accommodate, no strings, fun only. Tel No: 0906 002 1956 Box No: 325325

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32YR old slim, dark haired, adventurous, creative, like music, cycling and photography, seeks female for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 352753

SENSUAL cuddly 32yr old professional looking for similar minded discreet male up to 40yrs for 1-2-1 fun. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 404023

ELIZABETH 33, curvy attractive blonde, likes walking, socialising, meals out, entertaining, WLTm well educated nice male 50-60's for nice times. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 403937

Hi I'm Jayne very pretty brunette, stylish, fun, loves the 60's, fine wine/restaurants, seeks professional gent for mutual life enhancement. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 403749

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CARING lady, 52, brown hair, seeks male, 30-60 for socialising, sports out, cinema, music, sports and having a laugh. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 392883

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BIG bubbly black female, single mum, looking for male for nights in and out. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 392501

DAWN attractive, slim female, 45, N/S, no ties, WLTm tall, fit male with get up and go attitude towards life. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 375825

YOUNG looking, pretty female, 40, brunette, slim, no ties, N/S, seeks attractive, refined male for friendship/relationship. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 313115

33YR old black haired, medium built, 5ft 3ins female seeking soul mate. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 389799

JANICE 40, 5ft 5ins, medium build, brown eyes, likes music, cooking, cosy nights in/out, seeks similar male for LTR. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 397407

SINGLE MEN

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BLACK guy 67, feels 50, looks 40, fit, active, seeks N/S, genuine, caring female with GSOH, 63-70yrs for LTR. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 404255

RETIRED 45yr old male, likes travel, home/abroad, eating out, WLTm caring lady for friendship, maybe more. Shropshire. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 404237

BRIAN 60's, ordinary man, strong needs, seeks affectionate lady for close friendship. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 396765

ATTRACTIVE male, 55, seeks older female, 50-70 for close, adult fun. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 397189

60'S male, medium build, fit, high drive, seeks West Midlands lady who needs occasional male evening/weekend company. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 381307

MALE 73yrs fit, N/S, OHAC, WLTm slim lady of similar age for days out, holidays and walking. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 403895

ANDY 46, looking for female, 40 plus for fun. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 403869

TALL blue eyed 49yr old gent, N/S looking for soul mate, slim lady with no ties and plenty of love to give and receive, is that you? Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 404121

TALL dark, good looking male, 53, seeks attractive female for daytime fun and evening times. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 393380

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COVENTRY male, single, 6ft 1ins, 42, caring, GSOH, loves animals, Tai Chi, seeks female, 20-55, single mums ok, any nationality for nice times in/out. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 384677

MIKE 43yrs, 5ft 10ins, short brown hair, blue eyes, loving, caring personality, very genuine, WLTm lady 20-40yrs for LTR. ACA. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 403901

MIKE 45, bored, seeks female, any age for adult fun and good times. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 403461

JOHN 59, 5ft 8ins, OHAC, GSOH, seeks lady, 46-55, likes meals out and in. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 403273

SINGLE male, 60, WLTm local lady with strong physical needs for regular contact with no commitment initially. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 377459

TIGER Woods lookalike seeks mature, big, beautiful lady for fun and frolics. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 403867

29YR old male, likes holidays, cinema, clubs, seeks female for friendship and fun times. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 403759

PAUL 60, medium build, fit, virile with strong needs, WLTm West Midland lady for regular mutual pleasure. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 374821

PATRICK 60's, single, likes sports, music, reading, seeks lady friend to share evenings/weekend meetings together. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 396053

WEST Midlands single guy 60, strong, WLTm affectionate lady, your place or mine for uncommitted enjoyment. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 396807

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WARREN 60's, romantic, WLTm affectionate lady for evenings/weekend meetings and close friendship. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 392191

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CLUB NEWS

Talk was on silk painting

K'FORD LADIES SOCIAL CIRCLE

ACTING chairman Audrey Phipps welcomed members to the meeting at the Royal British Legion. There was new member, a visitor and guest speaker Clive Garner.

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and The Dudley Cancer Support Group sent thank you letters for donations received, while a letter was also received from Edna Summers for the card and flowers she had received during her recent illness.

An update on the forthcoming trip to Moreton-in-the-Marsh was given. Chris Groves will organise a lunch-eve later in the year.

Val Thacker agreed to run the sales table provisionally for the next two meetings asking members to be more supportive as any money collected was for the benefit of the group.

Mr Garner shared his enthusiasm for the hobby he has enjoyed for 18 years – painting on silk. As he painted he told the group of the history of silk, explained various techniques used and described the tools of his art. These included paints and brushes and also, aids to drying such as a hairdrier, a microwave and a steamer.

His talk was funny, informative and interesting and he had several very pretty, unusual, hand-made items for sale. Iris Hemfrey gave the vote of thanks.

Linda Taylor and May Raven won the raffle.

Flower group blooms with a spring display



Sedgley Morning TWG's floral arts group meets for its spring arrangement

AFTER the business of the AGM, where the committee agreed to stand for a further year, a charity morning was held.

Members took part in fundraising for the Eve Appeal for ovarian cancer by buying refreshments and raffle tickets for a tea cosy which had been made to look like a sheep by the daughter of one of the members. The charity morning raised a total of £130.

During the April meeting, a competition was held to design a name badge.

The floral arts group made lovely spring arrangements using daffodils – a really cheerful sight. At the next meeting the

SEDGLEY MORNING TWG

arrangement will be "orchids in a hurry". Maureen and John Harper gave an interesting quiz accompanied by slides and music. They showed many interesting villages, buildings, churches and grand houses from across the West Midlands, Worcestershire and Herefordshire. The task was to guess where they all were.

Members enjoyed a recent visit to the Grand Theatre to see Cats. The Bowls Group starts its new season on May 8.

Fakes, fraud and forgers

CHAIRMAN Hazel Smith presided over the meeting at Grange Court on April 2.

Secretary Jean Williams read the minutes of the last meeting, which were accepted and signed.

She said the guild would be entering two teams into the Federation annual quiz

GRANGE 'E' TWG

on June 3. Marlene O'Hanlon announced she would be starting a luncheon club.

Guest speaker Graham Sutherland gave an interesting talk on fakes, fraud and

forgers. A collection of loose copper totalling £35 was donated to Lye and Wollscote disabled club.

Gill Attwood announced the birthday lunch would be held at the Vine Inn, Clent, on June 25. The guild is recruiting new members. Call Jean on 01384 832439.

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Runners pound the marathon for pounds

Bar set for a Locke-in



Andy Page with his children Holly and Edward, who helped him raise cash for Starlight Children's Foundation, after he had completed the London Marathon

RUNNERS from across Dudley are celebrating after completing the London Marathon just days after the tragedy that rocked Boston.

Helen Small, aged 41 was one of them to complete the 26.2 miles, finishing in 4hrs 55 mins.

The special needs teacher from Wordsley had trained hard for the marathon, fitting her running practice in between her busy schedule as a fitness instructor and volunteer at Kewford Eagles Football club.

Lynn Boleyn, a charity trustee of the club, said "Kewford are very proud of Helen and we would like to congratulate her on finishing the marathon and raising much needed funds for two

very worthwhile causes." Helen has already raised more than £120 for NSPCC and Action Heart through the website www.virginmoneygiving.com/HelenSmall.

She said: "It was a fantastic experience and I was so excited to run the marathon. The support from the spectators was amazing, there wasn't a single gap in the crowd."

Great

Andy Page a sales manager from Dudley, ditched his work suit for his running gear to complete in support of Starlight Children's Foundation, a charity that fulfils the wishes of seriously ill children.

The 42-year-old father of two, managed to finish in 4hrs 29mins. He

said: "It was a great day for me as it was my first marathon. The crowds and the atmosphere were brilliant."

He added that he did not have any worries prior to the marathon other than not finishing, despite the attacks in Boston carried out days before.

"Following the events of the week before I was more determined than ever to do it," he said.

Just days before heading of Andy's two young children Holly and Edward helped their dad raise money with a special non-uniform day at Russell Hall School, Overfield Road.

So far Andy has raised £921.20 towards his target of £1,300. To help him raise more visit uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Page or call Starlight directly on 020 7262 2881.



Helen Small at the London Marathon finishing line

REALITY TV stars Dan Osbourne and James Locke, who found fame on ITV2's The Only Way is Essex, will meet fans and pose for photographs at a Kidderminster nightclub on Saturday.

They are the latest celebrities to appear at Carters Bar, Oxford Street, which has already seen Britain's Got Talent finalists Stavros Flatley and Georgie Shore's Gary Beadle, visit.

Owner Mark Carter said he was expecting a full house. "Last month we had Hollyoaks star Rob Norbury, who played Riley in the popular soap, and the event

Fresh talks over taxi colour rule

TAXI drivers will hold fresh talks with council officials in Dudley in a bid to end a dispute over colours of private hire vehicles in the borough. Around 100 taxis brought the town to a standstill as they staged a go-slow drive past Dudley Council House recently.

They were battling against Dudley Council's policy of only allowing white coloured private hire taxis to be used by firms in the borough.

The protest drew anger from some councillors who said the policy was in place to allow people to safely identify fully-licensed private taxis.

But members of Dudley Private Hire and Taxi Association argue that white cars are more expensive because of their popularity.

They say members have resorted to resprays on some car in order to comply costing hundreds of pounds more.

These costs are added to already high insurance premiums and fuel prices, group members claim. More

by Andrew Turton

than 1,000 people signed a petition rallying for a second colour.

The association has also argued that customers were used to seeing both white and silver private hire vehicles due to neighbouring boroughs having different colours.

However, they lost a vote of Dudley Council's taxi committee members last month and are now threatening legal action.

Taxi association chairman Shaz Saleem today said the group will talk again with the council to "find a suitable resolution"

Mr Saleem apologised for the disruption caused by the protest but said members wanted to get their views across.

Car enthusiast's crash death ruled accidental

A PENSIONER died when his car crashed into a tree in foggy conditions near his home, an inquest heard.

Philip Luscott-Evans, aged 78, who was known by his middle name Maurice, died on January 10 after he lost control of his car on the A451 Stourbridge to Kidderminster road, opposite the Park Gate pub. It is believed the retired advertising consultant misjudged the junction, minutes from his home near Kidderminster, due to fog on the night.

The crash happened at around 12.40am as Mr Luscott-Evans, who lived in Hurcott Road, Hurcott, was driving his red Vauxhall Agila. The car collided with a tree off the carriageway and he was pronounced dead at the scene.

Multiple

Pc Graham Powell, a collision investigator, said there were no defects in the road, while vehicle examiner Robert Beals said the car had no problems.

A toxicology report showed widower Mr Luscott-Evans had no alcohol or drugs in his system. A post-mortem by Dr Paul Geddy, confirmed he had suffered no medical emergencies before the collision.

Worcestershire Coroner Geraint Williams recorded a verdict of accidental death at an inquest in Stourport on Friday. He said the cause of death was multiple injuries.

Mr Luscott-Evans was vintage car enthusiast and had a Lea Francis and a Bean car.



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THE WAY I SEE IT

Honour to attend funeral of inspiring Baroness Thatcher

I WAS honoured to attend the funeral of the lady I have publicly recognised as being my guiding inspiration, Baroness Thatcher.

To be in Saint Paul's for the service was an incredibly moving experience.

Having watched and read a great deal of the coverage of Lady Thatcher's incredible life story in recent weeks I feel sure her legacy will inspire a new generation who were not even born when Mrs Thatcher was ejected from Downing Street in November 1990.

In Westminster we discussed amendments to several Government Bills as the Parliamentary year came to an end.

One such Bill, which has been the subject of a lot of correspondence that I have received, is the Growth and Infrastructure Bill and, in particular, the clause that relates to permitted development rights.

A key concern has been the potential effect on neighbours' amenity and the lack of say for those neighbours. The Secretary of State, Eric Pickles, has confirmed that while pressing ahead with permitted development rights, he will introduce a neighbours' consultation scheme.

The scheme is that homeowners wishing to build extensions under the new powers would have to notify

Dudley South Conservative MP Chris Kelly takes the stand in our weekly Chronicle column which gives our local representatives the chance to air their views



the local council with details.

The council will then inform adjoining neighbours which already happens for full planning applications. If there are no objections by neighbours within a set period, the development can proceed.

If objections are raised by neighbours, the council will consider whether the development would have an unacceptable impact on neighbours' amenity.

Consideration

This is a form of "prior approval" which allows consideration by ward councillors and, if the council wishes, a planning committee. There will be no fee for householders to go through this process.

In Westminster I met with Lynette Cutting, Principal of Stourbridge College, for an update briefing on the college's merger with Birmingham Metropolitan College which is due to take place in June. More information on the merger can be found at www.stourbridge.ac

.uk.

I welcomed Wordsley Councillor Glenis Simms and her husband David to Parliament for Prime Minister's Questions. It was great to catch-up about local matters afterwards over lunch on the terrace overlooking the Thames.

I led a useful update meeting as Chairman of the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Family Business at HM Treasury with David Gauke MP, Exchequer Secretary.

I took along with me Mark Samworth of Samworth Brothers, a major employer and family business.

I held a busy constituency advice surgery at Wordsley Community Centre. I was also delighted to join local Labour MP (for Warley), the Rt. Hon. John Spellar, for the opening ceremony and thirtieth anniversary celebrations of my local family business, Keltruck, at the company's new head office building at our West Bromwich site on junction 1

of the M5 motorway.

John kindly cut the ribbon for the company and made some welcome remarks about the importance of successful private sector employers to the Black Country economy.

I enjoyed 48 hours in Cornwall where I joined Sheryll Murray MP campaigning for local elections to Cornwall Council.

In Parliament you get to make new friends from across the country and I was pleased to welcome Sheryll to Dudley South last April to join us campaigning in our local elections so I was delighted to be able to return the favour and lend a hand in Cornwall this year.

Official

We've heard a couple of items of positive news with the release of the latest round of official figures for growth and crime levels.

GDP was up 0.3 per cent in the first quarter of the year, an encouraging sign that the economy is healing. The deficit is down by a third, businesses have created over 1.25m new jobs and interest rates are at record lows.

Crime is down over 10 per cent since the General Election. Latest figures from the Office for National Statistics show that crime is down by 13 per cent in the West Midlands since the general election. In the year ending December 2012, crime fell in every police force area in England and Wales.

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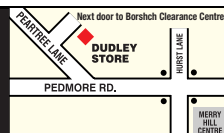
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What's On! Dudley

Premiere for stage version of Office

NETHERTON Arts Centre will host the world premiere of the stage version of hit TV show *The Office*, by permission of Ricky Gervais and Stephen Merchant.

See TV's David Brent, the petty and pompous Slough regional boss of paper merchants and colleagues Gareth the pedantic jobsworth, Tim and receptionist Dawn who are still secretly yearning for each other.

The show is on Wednesday May 8 until Saturday May 11 at 7.30pm. Tickets are £7 for adults and £6 concession.

Town Hall staging music of decades

BARRY Walker & Smackee are now touring with a new two hour presentation that combines the music of four of the greatest piano singer songwriters.

Barry Walker as the Piano Man along with his group Smackee, will perform five decades of the greatest hits from Neil Sedaka, Barry Manilow, Billy Joel & Elton John.

The afternoon show will be at Dudley Town Hall on Tuesday June 11 from 2pm and tickets are £11.00.

The show will run for around 2hrs 30mins.

Recreating soul

DUDLEY Town Hall is recreating the days of Blackpool Mecca, Wigan Casino, The Torch and The Twisted Wheel for Northern Soul fans on Saturday May 11 at 8pm. Tickets are £7.

The monsters of metal are making a comeback

BIRMINGHAM'S own rock prince of darkness **Ozzy Osbourne** will be back with his original band mates when legendary heavy metal outfit **Black Sabbath** come home for two gigs in their home city in the week before Christmas.

Black Sabbath, also featuring guitarist Tony Iommi and bassist Geezer Butler, were formed in Aston in 1967 and on June 10 release their first studio album since 1978's *Never Say Die*.

New album 13 has been produced by Rick Rubin. Drum duties have been taken by Rage Against The Machine's Brad Wilk, as original drummer Bill Ward is not joining the reunion.

Arena

As part of a UK December tour, Black Sabbath will play the LG Arena on the 20th before heading into the city centre for an NIA gig on the 22nd. Tickets start at £45.

Other metal highlights include Finland's Eurovision winning shock rockers Lordi at The Institute in Digbeth on May 10; rock veterans Deep Purple featuring Ian Gillan at the NIA on October 15; Florida's Alter Bridge with Shinedown and Halestorm at the NIA on October 17.

Two rock guitar legends are coming up with Joe Satriani at Wolverhampton Civic on June 13 and Joe Bonamassa at the NIA on September 27.



Coming home for two Birmingham concerts in December – Black Sabbath members Geezer Butler, Ozzy Osbourne and Tony Iommi

PM Hacker in a spin at the Grand

HIT West End play *Yes, Prime Minister* is being staged at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre from Tuesday to Saturday.

The original writers of the classic BBC TV series, Antony Jay and Jonathan Lynn, have reunited for this production with a new satirical take on Whitehall.

Prime Minister Jim Hacker and his Cabinet Secretary Sir Humphrey Appleby are back, spinning out of control through the collapsing Euro and austerity measures.

Michael Fenton Stevens, from TV comedy *Benidorm*, will play Prime Minister Jim Hacker and Crispin Redman, from *Law & Order: UK*, will take the role of Sir Humphrey Appleby. Michael Matus will join the cast as Principal Private Secretary Bernard Woolley.

Sex and class in a power struggle

UK Touring Theatre bring a new version of August Strindberg's Swedish 19th century drama *Julia* to Wolverhampton's Arena Theatre on Tuesday evening. A flirtation between an aristocratic lady and her father's valet during a midsummer's eve party results in a ferocious power struggle and a battle of the sexes in this classic play.

The Wulfruna Street venue also hosts a staging of George Orwell's 1984 by Sell A Door on Wednesday evening.

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Ant and Dec

Britain's Got Talent
ITV, 7.15pm

More wannabe stars take to the stage in the hope they have what it takes to impress the judges. We've already seen a host of promising acts wow the masses, from the shy voice reeve Alice Freshnam, to former Generation Game hostess Francine Lewis. That coveted Royal Variety Performance slot and a massive prize fund is up for grabs, but, as we all know, this is a hard-fought contest and anything can happen before that final in a few weeks' time. What we do know is Simon Cowell, David Walliams, Amanda Holden and Alesha Dixon will pass judgement.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Nigel Slater's Simple Suppers. (R) **12.00** BBC News: Regional News. Weather. **12.15** Football Focus. **1.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. **4.30** Final Score. **5.20** Pointless Celebrities. (R)
6.10 BBC News: Regional News; Weather.
6.30 Doctor Who. Madame Vastra, Jenny and Strax investigate when the people of an 1893 Yorkshire mining town start dying of a mysterious affliction that leaves their bodies bright red and wax-like.
7.15 The National Lottery: Who Dares Wins. Nick Knowles hosts the game show in which two pairs of strangers team up, each battling to outdo the other by listing as much as they know about a given subject.
8.05 Voice UK. The final round of blind auditions – the last chance for the remaining hopefuls to win a place on Jessie J, Will.i.am, Tom Jones or Danny O'Donoghue's team.
9.25 Casualty. Ash deals with his daughter's admission to the ED after she is hit by a police car driven by a drunken officer, while Tom's judgement is called into question.
10.15 BBC News: Weather.
10.30 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League clashes, which included Queens Park Rangers v Arsenal and West Bromwich Albion v Wigan Athletic; National Lottery Update.
12.00 The Football League Show.
1.10 Weather. **1.15** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 This is BBC Two. **6.55** Film: Up in the World. (1956) **8.25** Film: The Early Bird. (1965) **10.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. **12.00** University Challenge. (R) **12.30** Just a Minute. (R) **1.00** Live MotoGP. **2.00** EastEnders. (R) **3.50** Coast. (R) **4.30** Live Snooker: The World Championship. **5.30** Flog It!
6.30 Dad's Army. Mainwaring and the platoon try to capture three German airmen who have landed in a lake after bailing out and intend to stay in their dinghy until nightfall. (R)
7.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship. Jason Mohammad presents coverage of the concluding session of the second semi-final at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, where ties are contested over the best of 33 frames. Subsequent programmes are subject to change.
9.30 QI XL. Stephen Fry is joined by Jack Dee, Chris Addison, Rich Hall and regular panellist Alan Davies on an extended edition of the quiz with a difference. (R)
10.15 The United States of Television: America in Primetime. Alan Yentob reflects on the social changes that transformed the traditional image of a stay-at-home mother portrayed on American TV in the 1950s into the independent woman of today.
11.15 Film: Sin City. (2005) Three tales unfold and intertwine on the dark streets of a brutal and unforgiving city. Thriller, with Mickey Rourke, Bruce Willis and Clive Owen.
1.10 This is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Special Agent Oso. **6.10** Special Agent Oso. **6.25** The Hive. (R) **6.35** The Hive. (R) **6.40** Dino Dan. (R) **6.55** Dino Dan. (R) **7.05** Canimals. (R) **7.15** Canimals. (R) **7.20** Almost Naked Animals. (R) **7.35** Ultimate Spider-Man. **8.00** Jessie. **8.25** TV News. **8.30** Saturday Farm. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **10.20** My Tasty Travels with Lynda Bellingham. (R) **11.20** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **12.20** ITV News: Weather. **12.35** Fool Britannia. (R) **1.05** All Star Mr & Mrs. (R) **2.05** River Monsters. (R) **3.10** The Chase. (R) **4.10** Wildscreen Murders. (R) **5.45** Regional Programme; Weather.
6.00 ITV News: Weather.
6.15 You've Been Framed! Top 100 Weddings. Comedian Harry Hill narrates a countdown of 100 wedding-themed camcorder calamities and viewer-submitted mobile-phone clips. (R)
7.15 Britain's Got Talent. Ant and Dec host the nationwide talent search as another line-up of entertainers try to impress judges Simon Cowell, David Walliams, Alesha Dixon and Amanda Holden.
8.15 The Cube. Two more contestants take up the challenge.
9.20 The Jonathan Ross Show. With Zachary Quinto, Zoe Saldana and music by Thom Yorke.
10.20 ITV News: Weather.
10.35 Film: Basic Instinct. (1992) Thriller, starring Sharon Stone and Michael Douglas.
12.50 Jackie. **2.47** 3.00 The Starter Wife. (R) **3.50** TV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** Caterham Motorsport. **7.00** Film Superbike World Championship. **7.25** The Grid. **7.55** The Morning Line. **9.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **10.00** Frasier. (R) **10.30** Frasier. (R) **11.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.35** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.05** The Simpsons. (R) **12.35** Heston's Titanic Feast. (R) **1.40** Channel 4 Racing. **4.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.40** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.40** Come Dine with Me. (R)
6.10 Come Dine with Me. Businessman Ken Brown hosts the final dinner party in Co Durham and Wearside, and provides his guests with some unique entertainment before the winner is announced. (R)
6.40 Channel 4 News.
7.00 Sarah Beeny's Selling Houses. Homeowners in Windsor, Berkshire, look around one another's properties for improvement ideas and then spruce up their own on a £1,000 budget, hoping to attract buyers.
8.00 Grand Designs. Kevin McCool follows interior designer Kathryn Tyler as she tries to fulfil her dream of creating a Scandinavian-style eco house in her mother's back garden in Cornwall. (R)
9.00 Film: Star Trek. (2009) Sci-fi adventure, with Chris Pine and Zachary Quinto.
11.25 Film: Premonition. (2007) Supernatural thriller, starring Sandra Bullock.
1.20 Film: Mahanagar. (1963) Drama, starring Madhubi Mukherjee. **3.35** Coming Up. (R) **4.05** Hollyoaks. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.15** Power Rangers: Super Samurai. (R) **10.50** Batman: The Brave and the Bold. **11.15** Inside Hollywood. **11.20** Frontline Police. (R) **12.20** Emergency Bikers. (R) **1.20** Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild. (R) **2.25** Film: Avalanche Express. (1979) **4.10** Film: Breakheart Pass. (1975)
6.00 5 News Weekend.
6.05 Film: Stone Cold. (2005) A sleepy backwater town's hard-drinking chief of police pursues a serial killer and investigates the rape of a teenager. Detective drama, starring Tom Selleck.
7.30 NCIS. An attempted robbery leads to the death of a lieutenant. (R)
8.20 NCIS. The agents find out about a government organisation dedicated to child prodigies while investigating a marine's death, and realise a 12-year-old could be the killer's next target. (R)
9.20 Law & Order: Criminal Intent. An inspector for the department of health is murdered.
10.15 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. A murder echoes a crime committed 20 years previously.
11.10 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. A witness in a rape case is reluctant to testify.
12.10 SuperCasino. **4.00** Wildlife SOS. (R) **4.20** Michaela's Wild Secrets. (R) **4.45** County Secrets. (R) **4.55** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.05** Agatha Christie's Marple. **8.00** Doc Martin. **9.00** Lewis. **11.00** Taggart. **11.55** Film: Sweeney! (1977) **E4**
5.25 The Mindy Project. **6.00** The Big Bang Theory. **7.00** Youngers. **7.30** How I Met Your Mother. **8.30** 2 Broke Girls. **9.00** Film: The Omen. (2006) **11.15** The Big Bang Theory. **Film 4**
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BBC Three
7.00 Pop's Greatest Dance Craze. **7.05** Animal Antics. **7.35** Film: G-Force. (2009) **9.00** Sweet the Small Stuff. **9.30** Russell Howard's Good News. **10.00** Family Guy. **10.45** American Dad! **11.30** Film: Old School. (2003)
BBC Four
7.00 South Pacific. **8.00** A303: Highway to the Sun. **9.00** Arne Dahl: To the Top of the Mountain – Part One. **10.30** Queen Live in Budapest: Hungarian Rhapsody
ITV2
2.35 Film: The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas. (2000) **4.20** You've Been Framed! **6.00** Film: Twister. (1996) **8.15** Britain's Got More Talent. **9.20** Totally You've Been Framed! **10.15** Celebrity Juice. **11.05** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records. **11.35** Britain's Got Talent
ITV3
2.00 A Touch of Frost. **4.00** Film: Watership Down. (1978) **5.55** Agatha Christie's Marple. **8.00** Doc Martin. **9.00** Lewis. **11.00** Taggart
3.00 Live Indian Premier League Cricket. **7.30** Indian Premier League Greatest Hitters. **8.30** River Monsters. **9.35** Film: Jaws 2. (1978) **11.55** Film: Sweeney! (1977) **E4**
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Azi Farni

Live MotoGP

BBC2, 12.30pm

The third round of the season takes place at the Circuito de Jerez, as the Spanish Grand Prix takes centre stage on the MotoGP calendar. Casey Stoner took the chequered flag last year after moving up from fifth on the starting grid, crossing the line less than a second ahead of pole-sitter Jorge Lorenzo. The Australian retired at the end of last year so won't be in contention to repeat his victory, and if the Grand Prix of the Americas is any indication, it appears a new racing prodigy could be one of the likely candidates to claim the glory here. With reports from Azi Farni.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.30** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Sunday Politics: Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.20** Countryfile. (R) **1.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.15** Helicopter Heroes. **2.45** Points of View. **3.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.00** Songs of Praise. **4.35** Great Bear Stakeout. (R) **5.35** The Diamond Queen. (R)

6.35 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

7.00 Countryfile. Reports from Cambridgeshire, going behind the scenes of Newmarket racecourse, profiling local poet John Clare and telling the story of Victorian naturalist the Rev Leonard Jenyns. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. The experts are in Chesham, Monmouthshire, where items include early Olympic Games medals and a lightbulb containing a painstakingly made model of Lincoln Cathedral.

9.00 The Village. Old Bert recalls 1920, as the locals honour their war dead with the unveiling of a memorial. But there is upset when one name is left off the list of the fallen. Last in the series.

10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

10.25 Match of the Day 2. Colin Murray and guests look back at the day's Premier League matches, which were Manchester United v Chelsea at Old Trafford and Liverpool v Everton at Anfield.

11.35 Regional Programme. **12.05** The Sky at Night. **12.25** Film: A Boy Called Dad. (2009) **1.40** Weather. **1.45** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 This Is BBC Two. **6.10** Film: Experiment Perilous. (1944) Murder mystery, starring Hedy Lamarr. **7.40** Film: The White Tower. (1950) Mountaineering drama, starring Alida Valli. **9.15** The A to Z of TV Gardening. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** The Beechgrove Garden. **12.00** Gardeners' World. (R) **12.30** Live MotoGP. The Spanish Grand Prix MotoGP race (Start-time 1.00pm). **2.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. Coverage of the opening session of the final at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, where the first eight frames of the match are scheduled to take place.

6.00 Coast. Stories linked to sea cliffs around the UK, with Nick Crane visiting a tunicular railway at Saltburn-by-the-Sea and Andy Torbet taking part in an exercise with command recruits. (R)

7.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship. Hazel Irvine and Jason Mohammad present all the action from the second session of the final at Sheffield's Crucible Theatre, where a further nine frames are scheduled to take place. Subsequent programmes subject to change.

11.00 Dave Allen: God's Own Comedian. A look at the life, career and legacy of the Irish comedy writer and performer, featuring interviews with family and friends and rare archive material. (R)

12.00 Film: Romance and Cigarettes. (2005) Musical drama, starring James Gandolfini. **1.40** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **2.35** Holly City. Elliot and Ollie come into conflict. (R) **3.35** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Special Agent Oso. **6.10** Special Agent Oso. **6.25** The Hive. (R) **6.35** The Hive. (R) **6.40** Dino Dan. (R) **6.55** Dino Dan. (R) **7.05** Animals. (R) **7.15** Animals. (R) **7.20** Almost Naked Animals. (R) **7.30** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **7.40** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **7.50** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **8.00** Sony with a Chance. **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Country House Sunday. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **10.20** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.20** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **12.20** ITV News; Weather. **12.30** Love Your Garden. (R) **1.30** Britain's Got Talent. (R) **2.30** Film: Fletch. (1985) Comedy mystery, with Chevy Chase and Tim Matheson. **4.25** Midsomer Murders. (R)

6.15 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.30 ITV News; Weather. **6.45** Catchphrase. Stephen Mulhern hosts the revival of the game show in which contestants guess the familiar phrases hidden in animated clues, before one of them plays to win £50,000.

7.30 Off Their Rockers. A pensioner auditions for Britain's Got Talent.

8.00 Endeavour. A professor is killed in a hit-and-run. Last in the series.

10.00 Perspectives: Hugh Laurie: Copper Bottom Blues. The actor and musician delves into the history of the blues in America. Last in the series.

10.55 ITV News; Weather.

11.15 Premiership Rugby Union. Action from the final round of fixtures in the regular season.

12.10 The Two. **2.10** Monk. (R) **2.55** Motorsport UK. **3.45** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.10 The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.05** Freesports on 4. **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25** Frasier. (R) **8.55** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.50** The Simpsons. (R) **1.20** The Simpsons. (R) **1.50** Channel 4 Racing. **4.10** Deal or No Deal. **5.10** Five Minutes to a Fortune.

6.10 Channel 4 News. **6.30** Come Dine with Me. Four contestants take part in a week of competitive dining in Surrey, beginning with estate agent James Quantrell hosting a Best of British-themed evening. (R)

7.25 Film: Gulliver's Travels. (2010) Premiere. A man tries to prove himself by exploring the Bermuda Triangle, and ends up stuck on an island where he is a giant. Fantasy comedy, starring Jack Black and Emily Blunt.

9.00 Peter Kay Live: The Tour That Didn't Tour - Tour. Peter Kay brings his hugely successful tour to the small screen, returning to live stand-up comedy after a seven-year break. (R)

10.55 Film: The Waterboy. (1998) The coach of an American football team spots the talent of their put-upon waterboy and gives him the chance to prove himself on the pitch. Comedy, with Adam Sandler.

12.40 Film: Charulata. (1964) Drama, with Madhubi Mukherjee and Soumitra Chatterjee. **2.45** Coming Up. (R) **3.10** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. (R) **4.05** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.05** Countdown. (R) **5.45** SuperScrimpers. **5.50** Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowerpots. (R) **6.25** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **6.30** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.45** Chloe's Closet. **6.55** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.00** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.15** Animal Antics. (R) **7.20** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.30** Mio Mao. (R) **7.40** City of Friends. (R) **7.50** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.20** Milkshake! Show Songs. (R) **8.25** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) **9.30** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.45** Jelly Jamm. (R) **10.00** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R)

10.10 Power Rangers: Super Samurai. (R) **10.40** Batman: The Brave and the Bold. **11.05** Climbing the Giants. (R) **11.35** The Hotel Inspector. (R) **12.35** Film: Along Came Polly. (2004) **4.00** Film: What a Girl Wants. (2003)

6.00 Film: Dirty Dancing. (1987) Romantic drama, with Patrick Swayze and Jennifer Grey.

8.05 Once Upon a Time. Dr Whale resurrects Regina's dead lover.

9.00 The Truth About Travellers. **9.55** 5 News Weekend.

10.00 Film: London Boulevard. (2010) Premiere. Crime drama, with Colin Farrell.

11.55 Soho Blues. (R) **12.55** SuperCasino. **4.00** Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R) **4.45** County Secrets. (R) **4.55** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.05** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.15** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.25** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.35** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Great TV Mistakes **7.10** Snog. Marry, Avoid? **7.40** The Voice UK **9.00** Russell Howard's Good News Extra **9.45** Sweat the Small Stuff: Extra Sweaty **10.30** Barely Legal Drivers **11.30** Family Guy

BBC Four
7.00 She-Wolves: England's Early Queens **8.00** Timewatch: Stonehenge **9.00** Margaret **10.55** Top of the Pops 1977: Big Hits **11.55** Top of the Pops 1978: Big Hits

ITV2
3.30 You've Been Framed! **4.35** Britain's Got Talent **5.40** Britain's Got More Talent **6.45** Film: Peter Pan (2003) **9.00** Film: 300 (2006) **11.20** Celebrity Juice

ITV3
3.50 Film: The Secret of My Success (1987) **5.55** Agatha Christie's Poirot **8.00** Film: Seabiscuit (2003) Fact-based horse racing drama, with Tobey Maguire. **10.45** A Touch of Frost

ITV4
10.45 Live British Touring Car Championship. **6.00** BRDC Formula 4 Championship Highlights **7.00** World of Sport: 1980s **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union **9.00** Indian Premier League Cricket **10.00** Film: Burn After Reading (2008)

E4
3.40 How I Met Your Mother **4.35** Revenge **5.30** New Girl **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.30** The Mindy Project **8.00** Film: Journey to the Center of the Earth (2008) **9.55** Darren Brown: Enigma **11.35** 2 Broke Girls

Film4
3.05 Five Children and It (2004) **4.50** Inkheart (2008) **6.55** Another Stakeout (1993) **9.00** True Lies (1994) **11.45** Predator (1987)

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What's On!

Film Choices

MONDAY

Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl, BBC1, 8.30pm

A buccaneer and a blacksmith commandeer a British ship and set sail in pursuit of a pirate captain who has kidnapped a colonial governor's daughter. However, their quarry and his crew are under a curse that turns them into living skeletons – and makes them impossible to kill. Swashbuckling fantasy adventure, starring Johnny Depp, Orlando Bloom, Keira Knightley, Geoffrey Rush, Jack Davenport and Jonathan Pryce. (2003)

TUESDAY

Fast & Furious, ITV, 10.40pm

A phone call informing him of a friend's murder brings international fugitive Dominic Toretto back to his home city of Los Angeles in search of revenge. It is not long before his pursuit leads him to cross paths with FBI agent Brian, and despite their hostile feelings toward one another, the pair work together as part of a smuggling ring to bring down those responsible. Thriller sequel, starring Vin Diesel, Paul Walker, Michelle Rodriguez and Jordana Brewster. (2009)



Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl, Monday, BBC1, 8.30pm

WEDNESDAY

The Ninth Gate, Channel 5, 9pm

A book dealer is hired by a wealthy collector to locate the two remaining copies of 17th-century work The Nine Gates to the Kingdom of Shadows. His search takes him to New York, Madrid and Paris as he becomes increasingly curious about rumours that the book's author collaborated with the Devil. Roman Polanski's horror, starring Johnny Depp, Emmanuelle Seigner, Frank Langella and Lena Olin. (1999)

THURSDAY

McBride: Fallen Idol, Channel 5, 3.20pm

McBride is devastated to learn his mentor, a talented defence attorney, has been stabbed to death outside his home. The crusading lawyer becomes involved in the case, and it quickly becomes apparent that the victim was hiding a dark secret. Mystery, starring John Larroquette, Marta DuBois and Matt Lutz. (2006)

FRIDAY

Mansfield Park, BBC2, 11.05pm

The impoverished parents of a headstrong young woman decide to send their daughter to live with wealthy relatives, ensuring her a brighter future. As she grows up, she becomes a keen observer of human nature, investigating attitudes to marriage and social status, while honing her skills as an author. Drama, based on Jane Austen's novel, starring Frances O'Connor, Harold Pinter, Embeth Davidtz, Jonny Lee Miller, Alessandro Nivola and James Purefoy. (1999)

Pick of the Week

Locals struggle to come to terms with their losses

Muck, grime and endless misery – those are the three things we'll take away from watching *The Village*, the BBC's relentlessly grim drama set in the Peak District in the early part of the 20th century.

That description may sound as if we've hated every minute of the six-part series, but that's just not true – it's been a masterclass in acting, with some amazing stories and characters. But boy, a little escape from the drudgery every now and then would have been nice.

But then again, they haven't had much to smile about.

"Life is a struggle for them and they scrape by and the marriage is quite strained due to the desperate situation," says Maxine Peake of her character, Grace Middleton, and her family.

This week, the plot moves on to 1920, and the Great War has been over for two years – but the village's residents are still counting the cost.

After being locked up thanks to his status as a conscientious objector, it's Eyre who notices the biggest

differences, not just to the place itself, but the manner of his former friends and neighbours.

Soldiers continue to return from their duties overseas and expect to immediately settle into their old lives by going back to their factory jobs, little realising that the women who took their places have no intention of giving them up and have, in fact, joined a union.

Bert, now 18, invites his old teacher to stay with the Middletons, but it isn't a happy visit thanks to the tension caused by Joe's death – and the unveiling of the local war memorial doesn't improve the mood either.

Grace learns that her son's name won't be added to the list of the 'glorious dead', while Margaret discovers that her boy's body won't be coming home.

So, it's clear that Maxine's character still can't find happiness. At least the actress herself was more than happy to be involved with the project.

"I've never filmed in the Peak District before," she explains. "It's such a beautiful part of Britain, which

I think gets slightly overshadowed by the Lake District when people think of Northern beauty spots.

"When I was around 10, I used to go to a Unitarian church and they had a hostel in Little Hucklow. We'd have breaks there going walking and pot-holing. I'd forgotten how breathtaking the scenery was until I started filming."

Despite having fun on set with co-stars such as John Simm and Juliet Stevenson, she's enjoyed getting back to the comforts of 2013 after filming: "We shot quite a few scenes with gas lamps and candles as the only source of light. It was a bit tricky doing certain scenes when you couldn't see the other actors you were talking to."

"Given the cold wet weather, an electric blanket would have been nice. Hot water bottles were my saviour when we were filming scenes in bed."

This is the last in the current series, and many more are planned so that the story of the Middletons is brought right up to date – here's hoping it won't be long before it's back.



John Simm heads the cast of *The Village*, Sunday, BBC1, 9pm

Best of the Rest

MONDAY

Live Snooker: The World Championship BBC2, 7pm

Hazel Irvine and Jason Mohammad present the concluding session of this year's final at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, where the successful player needs to reach 18 frames to lift the famous trophy. Ronnie O'Sullivan duly completed his victory in last year's final, turning a 15-10 advantage into an 18-11 triumph over Ali Carter to win the tournament for the fourth time, leaving Carter as runner-up for a second time. This time around, Mark Selby was fancied by many to reach this stage, having enjoyed a strong year so far, while Judd Trump entered the tournament looking to go one better than in 2011, when he was beaten by John Higgins in the showpiece match.

The Job Lot ITV, 9.30pm

Although somewhat overshadowed last week by *Vicious*, ITV's other big Monday night launch show, this sitcom certainly showed lots of promise. Set in a Midlands chain store, it focuses on the staff and clients that either work, or would like to gain work, there. This week, Trish is fighting to boost the centre's figures, and brings in the heavy artillery – Army sergeant Steve Fox, who turns the place into a recruitment office, and ends up getting some unwanted interest from an unexpected source. Meanwhile, benefit fraud officer George tries to paper over the cracks when his attempt to catch a man who's been signing on while working as a decorator backfires.

TUESDAY

Caroline Quentin's National Parks ITV, 8pm

Caroline Quentin's on her travels again. It only seems like two minutes since she was exploring Cornwall, and here she is, bags packed once more. This time she's visiting three of Britain's most spectacular National Parks, beginning with Loch Lomond and the Trossachs, which are nestled in the south west of Scotland. Caroline's first trip involves seeing the area from a great vantage point – via a sea-plane flight. She's left puffing and blowing by another excursion, this time involving caber-tossing at Inveraray, the site of the annual Highland Games. It's a sport Caroline is adamant she won't be taking up full time – let's hope her attempts at bat-watching, traditional dancing and wild swimming go a little bit better...

The Apprentice BBC1, 9pm

Over the years we've seen Tim Campbell, Michelle Dewberry, Simon Ambrose, Lee McQueen, Yasmina Siadatan, Stella English, Thomas Pellereau and Ricky Martin (not that one) seize victory, but it remains to be seen which of this new lot have the right stuff to impress Alan Sugar and his cohorts. First task: Eight boys versus eight girls; each group is taken to a shipping container full of imported products. Their challenge? To work through

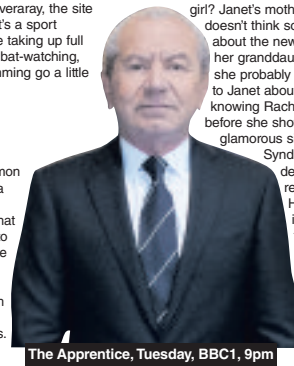
the night to sort the products out and then sell everything before 4pm. If this lot leaves you hungry for more, don't miss sister show *The Apprentice: You're Fired*, in which Dara O Briain returns for another light-hearted autopsy with the first unlucky loser.

WEDNESDAY Scott & Bailey ITV, 9pm

Rachel Bailey is independent, feisty, and very, very good at her job, but does that mean she's a suitable role model for an impressionable young girl? Janet's mother Dorothy certainly

doesn't think so, as she worries about the new lodger's influence on her granddaughter Taisie. However, she probably doesn't need to speak to Janet about it just yet, as knowing Rachel, it won't be long before she shows Taisie her less glamorous side... Meanwhile, the

Syndicate investigates the death of nursing home resident Gerald French. His daughter Catherine is concerned about the care he'd been receiving, and when a seemingly shy trainee is discovered slapping an elderly resident, it seems she may have a point.



The Apprentice, Tuesday, BBC1, 9pm

THURSDAY

Murder on the Home Front ITV, 9pm

The inventive, controversial and occasionally taboo-busting origins of forensic science are revealed in this thoroughly entertaining new wartime drama. The first episode follows Home Office pathologist Dr. Lennox Collins and his vivacious secretary Molly Cooper (played by Boardwalk Empire's Patrick Kennedy and The Tudors' Tamzin Merchant) as they investigate the murder of a man found with a swastika carved into his head. When their groundbreaking techniques quickly disprove the guilt of a chief suspect, the duo come face-to-face with hostility on both sides of the law. Based on the memoirs of a wartime member of the Home Office Pathology Department, *Murder on the Home Front* promises to be a polished and exciting addition to ITV's roster of impressive period dramas.

FRIDAY

Pride & Prejudice: Having a Ball BBC2, 9pm

What better way to celebrate the 200th anniversary of *Pride and Prejudice* than a ball? Of course, back in 1813, when Jane Austen's much-loved novel was first published, readers would have known exactly how to go about organising such a bash, but in the 21st century, we need a little help. So presenters Alistair Sooke and Amanda Vickery have drafted in a team of experts to recreate the Netherfield Ball, the intimate, country-house gathering that provides a key turning point in the relationship between Mr Darcy and Elizabeth Bennett.

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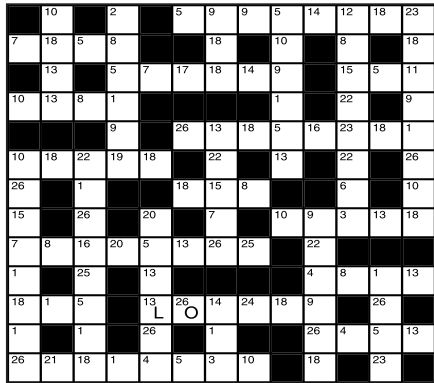
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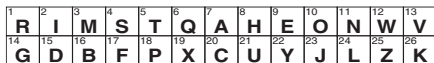
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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:



Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. They have been worn by men in retirement (11)
9. It turns quiet at the end (3)
10. Does it provide wood for building aircraft? (5,4)
11. Most of the men attempt to find a way in (5)
13. Get in an unusual profit (3,4)
14. It contains a variety of provisions (6)
16. Women haven't the face to use them! (6)
18. In fairness, it's simply very cold water (7)
19. Part of the audit totalled up to the same thing (5)
20. Part of the tide of lawlessness? (5,4)
21. Slip up out of merit (3)
22. The top salesman in print? (4,7)

Down

2. I'm quiet, but he probably won't be! (3)
3. Pleased to be lucky (5)
4. Soils satins, perhaps (6)
5. Train that is brought to absolute rest (7)
6. Evict a sailor and look the other way (4,5)
7. His work is above most people! (11)
8. Where games are won by the over-forties (6,5)
12. It makes one admission after another (9)
15. It's clear I'd be involved in whatever occurred (7)
17. Be up in a local tax and get discount (6)
19. Live well on five hundred (5)
21. It may be pierced or just pricked (3)

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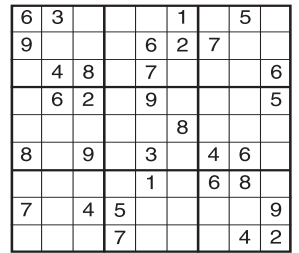
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1. Sleight of hand (11)
9. Employ (3)
10. Transact (9)
11. Takes off (5)
13. Tarnished (7)
14. Scream (6)
16. Stress (6)
18. Performer (7)
19. Purchaser (5)
20. Abandon (4,5)
21. Fish (3)
22. January 1st (3,5,3)

Down

3. Sea-eagles (5)
4. Summary (6)
5. Sailor (7)
6. Fancied (9)
7. Get far ahead of (11)
8. Starring part (7,4)
12. Anticipation (9)
15. Rapture (7)
17. Part of the eye (6)
19. Consecrate (5)
21. Epoch (3)

Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Stag; 3 Prudence; 9 At heart; 10 Rumba; 11 General store; 13 Adroit; 15 Roller; 17 Fighting form; 20 Areas; 21 Ontario; 22 In the bag; 23 Isle. Down: 1 Shanghai; 2 Ashen; 4 Rattle; 5 Dark thoughts; 6 Numeral; 7 Eras; 8 Merry in haste; 12 Trombone; 14 Raiment; 16 Mimosa; 18 Ogres; 19 Sari. QUICK - Across: 1 Cite; 3 Campaign; 9 Noxious; 10 Levee; 11 Second nature; 13 Exotic; 15 Afresh; 17 Superstition; 20 Twist; 21 Elevate; 22 Mutilate; 23 Very. Down: 1 Canister; 2 Toxic; 4 Assent; 5 Pilot-officer; 6 Inverse; 7 Need; 8 Coincidental; 12 Thunder; 14 Oculist; 16 Asst; 18 Irate; 19 Item.



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AS PART OF THE REVIEW AN INDEPENDENT PANEL WILL BE HOLDING A LISTENING SURGERY.

Your local surgery will be held at Russells Hall Hospital, Pensnett Road, Dudley DY1 2HQ in the Clinical Education Centre First Floor, from 6pm on Tuesday 7th May 2013. Parking will be available on site.

WHAT WILL THIS EVENT INCLUDE?

You'll have a chance to share and discuss your experiences with the review panel, fellow patients and other members of the community in a public forum.

WHAT IF YOU CAN'T MAKE IT TO THE EVENT?

We still want to hear your views. For details on how to share your feedback, and for more information about the Keogh Mortality Review and information on alternative ways in which you can contribute, visit the NHS Choices website at <http://www.nhs.uk/NHSEngland/bruce-keogh-review/Pages/Overview.aspx>

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Home of Property

Luxury home has undergone update

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The property in High Areal Road, Straits, has undergone a scheme of updating over the last few years to include an enlarged and refitted breakfast kitchen, utility room and cloakroom, and benefits from mainly double glazed and centrally heated accommodation.

The first floor has been extended above the garage to provide five bedrooms, two with en-suites, two with dressing rooms and a family bathroom. There are landscaped gardens to the front, side and rear and are set behind a wall with gated access and ample parking.

On the ground floor a cloakroom has a white suite of WC and wash hand basin and there is also a family room/study, through lounge with feature living flame wall mounted gas fire and a dining room with door to the garden.

Dishwasher

The breakfast kitchen has a range of fitted wall, base and drawer units with granite worktops over, built-in fridge/freezer, dishwasher and wine fridge, two built-in electric double ovens and grills, stainless steel sink and central island with electric induction hob with extractor over.

There is also a utility room with base cupboard, work top, stainless steel sink and mixer tap, space and plumbing for washing machine and tumble dryer and a cloakroom with WC and wash hand basin.

On the first floor the master bedroom has a range of built-in wardrobes, dressing room and white en-suite with sink, WC and shower cubicle.

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The first floor of the Georgian style home has been updated and extended over the double garage

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- ★ Extended ★ Porch
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- ★ Three Bedrooms
- ★ Bathroom
- ★ Garage
- ★ Energy Rating E
- ★ Adjacent To Village Centre

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GORNAL PARK ROAD



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- ★ Hall
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- ★ Bathroom
- ★ Parking
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- ★ Double Glazing

OFFERS BASED ON £115,000

UPPER GORNAL EVE LANE



- ★ Semi-detached
- ★ Hall ★ Lounge/diner
- ★ Fitted kitchen
- ★ Utility ★ Three bedrooms
- ★ Bathroom ★ Garage
- ★ Gas c/htg
- ★ Double glazed
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- ★ Immaculate throughout
- ★ Energy Rating D

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GORNAL HAWTHORNE GROVE



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- ★ Ground Floor Hall & Cloaks
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- ★ Two Bedrooms
- ★ Bathroom
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GORNAL NEW STREET



- ★ End Terraced
- ★ Fully Refurbished
- ★ Lounge ★ Fitted Kitchen
- ★ Formal Dining Area Off
- ★ Two Bedrooms ★ Bathroom
- ★ Private Garden
- ★ Gas C/Heating
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OFFERS BASED ON £112,000

GORNAL REDHALL ROAD



- ★ Maisonette
- ★ Purpose built
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- Delightful landscaped rear gardens
- Epc Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £229,950

UPPER GORNAL



RIPLEY GROVE

- Modern three bed end townhouse
- Positioned on an exclusive small development.
- Built 5 years ago, NHBC warranty
- Lounge, open plan dining kitchen
- Downstairs cloakroom
- En-suite to master bedroom
- Driveway parking
- Epc Rating - C

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £161,000

LOWER GORNAL



HARCOURT DRIVE

- A deceptively spacious extended semi-detached
- Quiet cul-de-sac location
- 4/5 bed, master bedroom originally 2 rooms - easy conversion back
- Open plan lounge and dining room
- Kitchen, utility, • Conservatory
- Tandem garage
- Block paved driveway
- EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £155,000

WEST BROMWICH



YORK CRESCENT

- A Modern style semi-detached property
- Immaculately presented accommodation
- Kitchen with integrated appliances
- Guest cloakroom • Lounge
- Three bedrooms • En-suite to Master
- Family bathroom with 'white' suite
- Upvc double glazing & gas central heating
- Garage & driveway parking
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- EPC Rating - C

Offers in the region of £154,950

COSELEY



IVYHOUSE LANE

- £15,000 PRICE REDUCTION •
- Beautifully presented FOUR bedroom detached
- Two reception rooms and conservatory
- Modern extended dining kitchen, utility
- Guest cloakroom • Modern bathroom
- Four bedrooms, two with fitted furniture
- Block paved driveway, parking 3/4 cars
- Garage, • Private rear garden
- Epc Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £154,950

HURST HILL



CLIFTON STREET

- A good size detached Bungalow
- Positioned on a large plot
- Some updating required
- Open plan dining kitchen
- Good size lounge
- Two bedrooms & bathroom
- Low maintenance rear garden
- Double garage and driveway
- EPC Rating - D

Offers in the region of £147,500

WOODSETTON, DUDLEY



PARKES HALL ROAD

- A beautifully presented semi-detached
- Having been enhanced to high standard
- Open plan, contemporary dining kitchen
- Three bedrooms and bathroom
- Upvc double glazing & central heating
- Off road parking for several vehicles
- Well maintained rear garden
- AN IDEAL FIRST TIME BUY
- EPC Rating - D

Offers in the region of £131,500

FOXWARDS, TIPTON



SILVERTHORNE AVENUE

- A beautifully presented semi-detached
- Enhanced & extended to high spec
- Contemporary dining kitchen
- A good size, extended lounge
- Two double bedrooms
- Modern bathroom with 'white' suite
- Well maintained rear garden
- Off road parking
- EPC Rating - C

Offers in the region of £124,950

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ELAN CLOSE

- £5,000 PRICE REDUCTION
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- Guest WC
- Well maintained garden
- Off road parking
- EPC Rating - C

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £119,950

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BIRCH ROAD

- A spacious semi-detached property
- Lounge and separate dining room
- Modern Kitchen, utility & guest w.c.
- Three good size bedrooms
- Upvc double glazed & central heating
- Well maintained, pleasant rear garden
- Off road parking for several vehicles
- Ideal first time buy
- EPC Rating - D

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LIMES ROAD

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- Two bedrooms & bathroom
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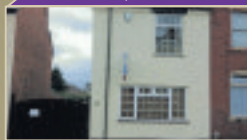


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- Fitted breakfast kitchen with cooker
- Bathroom with shower over jacuzzi bath
- Gas central heating and upvc double glazing
- Delightful front and rear gardens
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NEW

QUARRY BANK, BRICK KILN STREET



- Impressively refurbished end terrace property
- Two bedrooms
- Superb open plan lounge with distinctive dining area
- Splendid kitchen with built in five ring gas hob & double oven
- Stylish ground floor bathroom with rolled top bath & separate shower cubical
- First floor luxury shower room
- Gas central heating & upvc double glazing
- Gated driveway & court yard

£550 PCM No DSS No Pets

NEW

HOLLY HALL, STOURBRIDGE ROAD



- Superb mid terrace spacious property
- Two double bedrooms • Splendid lounge
- Separate dining room
- Fitted kitchen with cooker
- Utility room with washing machine & w.c
- First floor bathroom with shower over the bath
- Gas central heating & upvc double glazing
- Delightful tiered rear garden

£510 PCM No Pets

NEW

TIPTON, HURST LANE



- Impressive ground floor apartment
- Two bedrooms
- Splendid lounge
- Attractive fitted kitchen with fridge, washing machine & built in oven & hob
- Bathroom with shower over the bath
- Gas central heating & upvc double glazing
- Intercom entrance hall
- Allocated parking

£475 PCM

NEW

TIPTON, WYNN GRIFFITH DRIVE



- Impressive modern house
- One double bedroom
- Splendid lounge
- Fitted kitchen with oven & hob
- Bathroom with shower over the bath
- Double glazing & gas central heating
- Drive way

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NEW

BRIERLEY HILL, BELL STREET SOUTH



- Newly decorated one bedroom first floor apartments with new carpet
- Some with refitted kitchens, all with new cookers
- Splendid lounge
- Bathroom with shower over the bath
- Electric heating & upvc double glazing
- Off street parking

From £375 PCM No Pets

NEW

BRIERLEY HILL, GORDON CRESCENT



- Superb first floor apartment
- One double bedroom
- Splendid lounge with modern electric fire
- Attractive fitted kitchen with cooker
- Distinctive dining area
- Bathroom with shower over the bath
- Upvc double glazing & electric heating

£395 PCM No Pets

NEW

DIBDALE ROAD, DUDLEY



- Impressive detached residence
- Three bedrooms, master with ensuite double shower room, superb lounge with feature fire place & french doors, stylish dining kitchen with built in oven & hob, ground floor w.c/cloakroom, house bathroom
- Gas central heating, upvc double glazing, garage, drive way & delightful rear garden

£695 PCM - NO DSS - NO PETS

21 AVENUE ROAD, DUDLEY



- Impressive and stylishly decorated property
- Three bedrooms
- Splendid lounge
- Superb fitted kitchen with new gas cooker

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ROWLEY REGIS, POOL LANE



- Impressive refurbished terrace property, three bedrooms
- Splendid lounge with leather sofas, separate dining room
- Superb fitted kitchen with built in oven, hob, washing machine, fridge/freezer & microwave
- Ground floor bathroom with shower over the bath
- Gas central heating, upvc double glazing & delightful rear garden

£525 PCM - NO DSS

DUDLEY, MONCRIEFFE CLOSE



- Superb spacious second floor apartment
- Two good size bedrooms
- Splendid dining lounge
- Fitted kitchen with new cooker
- Bathroom with shower over the bath
- Economy seven electric heating
- Allocated parking space & delightful communal gardens

£450 PCM NO DSS NO PETS

BRIERLEY HILL, BAGUE WALK



- Impressive first floor apartment, two bedrooms
- Superb lounge, splendid open plan lounge and kitchen with oven, hob, fridge/freezer and washer/dryer
- Attractive bathroom with shower over bath
- Double glazing
- Economy electric heating
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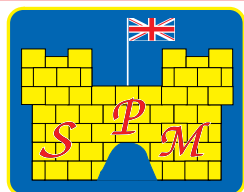
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GORNAL NEW HARVEST CLOSE £560 pcm Semi Detached Property, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom with Shower, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished, Front & Rear Gardens, Off Road Parking	TIPTON NEW AVERN CLOSE £525 pcm Semi Detached Property, Lounge, Kitchen, Conservatory, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating, Off Road Parking	KINGSWINFORD NEW OAK STREET £995 pcm Detached Property, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, TV Room, Utility, Shower Room, Four Bedrooms, Bathroom with Shower, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Front & Rear Gardens, Off Road Parking, Unfurnished	KINGSWINFORD NEW WESTCOTT CLOSE £750 pcm Detached Property, Lounge, Kitchen, Dining Room, WC, Conservatory, Four Bedrooms, En Suite, Family Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Double Garage, Off Road Parking, Rear Garden, Unfurnished
DUDLEY NEW CORSER STREET £495 pcm End Terrace, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Front & Rear Gardens, Double Glazing, Off Road Parking, Unfurnished	NETHERTON NEW SWAN STREET £375 pcm Ground Floor Flat, Lounge, Kitchen, One Bedroom, Bathroom, Cellar, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing	PENSNETT NEW HIGH STREET £320 pcm Split Level Flat, Entrance Hall, Large Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Unfurnished, Yard	TIPTON NEW TIPPS STONE CLOSE £410 pcm First Floor Flat, Lounge, Kitchen, One Bedroom, Bathroom, Electric Heating, Off Road Parking, Unfurnished
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LAKESIDE LAKESIDE COURT £510 pcm First Floor Flat, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom with Shower, Rear Garden, Off Road Parking, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished	GREAT BRIDGE EAGLE PLACE £370 pcm Apartment, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, One Bedroom, Bathroom, Economy Seven Heating, Private Parking, Security Entrance Door	PENSNETT BRYCE ROAD £525 pcm Semi Detached Property, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Unfurnished, Gas Central Heating, Off Road Parking, Front & Rear Gardens	BRIERLEY HILL FOXDALE DRIVE £460 pcm Cluster Style Property, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom with Shower, Unfurnished, Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating, Off Road Parking

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NETHERTON

Bobbington Way

This neatly presented, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, three bedroom terraced property has been conscientiously maintained by the current owners, and is well worthy of internal inspection. Accommodation briefly comprises: re-fitted Kitchen with a fine range of units, L shaped, extended Lounge / Dining Room, three good Bedrooms (master with fitted wardrobes), Bathroom with separate WC, Garage, Driveway and a low maintenance rear garden. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01384 265265

£114,950



LOWER GORNAL

Bayswater Road

Conscientiously maintained, modernised & improved, Freehold, gas centrally heated & mostly uPVC double glazed end "starter home" at head of cul-de-sac. Accommodation includes: reception hall, fitted cloakroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen. Three generous bedrooms, bathroom. Possible garage space (8'6" width, and subject to regulations), rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £109,950



LOWER GORNAL

The Spinney

An EXTENDED, gas radiator centrally heated & part double glazed intermediate 'starter' home in need of some sympathetic updating set in relatively quiet cul de sac within reasonable distance of open fields, together with all amenities. Accommodation provides enlarged porch, inner hallway, kitchen, extended 23'7" living/dining room, THREE BEDROOMS, bathroom, small garden & a brick GARAGE to the rear. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £105,000



SEDGLEY

Dudley Road

Absolutely outstanding, THREE BEDROOM, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated intermediate terrace that has been TRANSFORMED by present vendors over the years to provide a superb home. The stylish accommodation includes: lounge, dining room, refitted kitchen, guest w.c. Two first floor bedrooms, splendid refitted bathroom with white suite, attic bedroom three, and an expertly tended rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £99,950



RUSSELLS HALL

Osprey Drive

This surprisingly spacious, double glazed (vast majority of units), gas centrally heated, three bedroomed semi detached home would ideally benefit from cosmetic improvement/upgrading, yet offers excellent potential. Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN, accommodation briefly comprises: entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, guest w.c., three bedrooms, bathroom, garage, driveway, and rear garden. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£98,950



Pensnett

Belmont Road

Forming part of an established and convenient location which is well placed for local amenities, this TRADITIONAL SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME requires updating, but offers considerable potential to enhance the SPACIOUS AND VERY WELL PROPORTIONED layout of accommodation, including TWO SEPARATE RECEPTION ROOMS and comprising: reception hall, lounge, separate sitting room, breakfast kitchen, side veranda / utility, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS, bathroom, GAS CENTRAL HEATING and DOUBLE GLAZING. With lawned rear garden with shrubs, DRIVEWAY and ATTRACTIVELY LAID OUT REAR GARDEN. EPC Rating E. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£94,950



GORNAL WOOD

Flavells Lane

A distinctive & highly individual, freehold, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated double fronted cottage of character with further potential. Enjoying good distant views from the front, the property is set well back from the lane (pedestrian access only) and comprises entrance porch, dining room, central hallway, lounge with patio doors, kitchen, bathroom, THREE BEDROOMS, garden designed for 'low maintenance'. No Parking. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

WAS £95,950, NOW Offers in the region of £89,950



COSELEY

Kenelm Road

NO UPWARD CHAIN. A traditional, gas centrally heated & mostly double glazed semi detached requiring some sympathetic updating, and with tremendous potential. Accommodation includes: reception hall, lounge with bay, dining room, kitchen. Three bedrooms, bathroom. Driveway & possible garage space (subject to regulations), garden.

EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £89,950



BRIERLEY HILL

Exchange Street

IDEAL FOR FIRST TIME BUYERS OR THOSE SEEKING A BUT TO LET INVEST: THIS MOST APPEALING, MODERN, TWO BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOME affords a layout with UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING to comprise: hall, modern kitchen, sitting room, CONSERVATORY, two first floor bedrooms and re-fitted bathroom with white suite. Garden to the rear, parking to the front, economy seven storage heating. EPC Rating E. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers in Excess of £77,000



UPPER GORNAL

Duke Street

A tremendously modernised & improved, GAS CENTRALLY HEATED & uPVC single glazed first floor flat with PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS in popular neighbourhood. Recently re-decorated & upgraded accommodation includes reception hall, living/dining room, refitted kitchen with a fine range of 'maple' effect units & various appliances, double bedroom, reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with stylish white suite, store & an airing cupboard, communal grounds. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

WAS £64,950, NOW Offers in the region of £52,950



LOWER GORNAL

Five Ways Court, Lake Street

50% SHARE FOR SALE. A comparatively SPACIOUS, stylish, gas centrally heated, & uPVC double glazed FIRST FLOOR flat with good distant views forming part of gated development. Vendors 50% share available for sale (other 50% owners by Housing Association who charge a fair market rental). "Entry phone" system to shared hall/landing with flat comprising: reception hall, superb 16'8" lounge with well equipped kitchen beyond with a fine range of "beech" effect units & integrated appliances. TWO BEDROOMS (principal bedroom with shower room en suite & white suite), bathroom. Allocated parking, communal grounds. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £51,950 for Vendors 50% Share



DUDLEY

Attingham Drive, 'Sovereign Heights'

50% SHARE. A stylish, comparatively spacious, uPVC double glazed Top Floor Apartment with tremendous DISTANT VIEWS upon well established development representing an ideal opportunity for first time buyers where the present vendors 50% share is available for sale. There is an "entry phone" style security system to communal areas, and the apartment comprises: central reception hall, open plan living room/kitchen with fine range of "birch" effect units, various integrated appliances & a balcony, TWO BEDROOMS (bedroom one with fitted wardrobes and a balcony), bathroom with a white suite. Communal grounds, allocated parking. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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Enjoying perhaps one of the best positions within the highly regarded Mayfields development, within walking distance of Kingswinford, this HUGE, HIGH SPECIFICATION, MODERN DETACHED FAMILY HOME has been SUBSTANTIALLY EXTENDED to both first and ground floors, providing a HUGE LAYOUT, all of which is EXPENSIVELY APPOINTED throughout, comprising: Entrance Hall, ground floor Guests Cloakroom/WC, large full-depth Lounge, further full-depth Sitting Room with log-burner, spacious Dining Room, luxury Breakfast Kitchen, VERY LARGE 24'6" x 11'9" MASTER BEDROOM SUITE with walk-in Dressing Room and luxury en-Suite Shower Room off, plus THREE FURTHER BEDROOMS and beautifully refitted House Bathroom. GAS CENTRAL HEATING, REPLACEMENT UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, LARGE DRIVEWAY, DETACHED DOUBLE GARAGE, UTILITY and BEAUTIFULLY SECLUDED FRONT, SIDE and REAR GARDENS with decking, various patio areas and lawns. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£365,000**Greystoke Drive****QUARRY BANK**

Patina Close
Enjoying a prime position within this select development, this MOST APPEALING AND RATHER SUBSTANTIAL, FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers a layout which includes GAS CENTRAL HEATING and DOUBLE GLAZING to comprise: Hall, Guests Cloakroom, STUDY, Sitting Room, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility, Four Bedrooms (Master with Ensuite) and Principal Bathroom. Fore garden, Double Width Drive to DETACHED DOUBLE GARAGE and Enclosed Rear Garden with decking. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC rating C. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 395555.

£204,950**COSELEY****Mason Street**

A highly individual, PARTICULARLY SPACIOUS, gas centrally heated & primarily uPVC double glazed detached of character (believed to be one of the oldest houses in the neighbourhood) offering tremendous further potential. Accommodation includes: imposing reception hall (18' deep), fitted cloakroom, spacious 21'6" lounge, 21' dining kitchen with uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY beyond, FOUR BEDROOMS, separate toilet, bathroom. Potential car port space, sheltered rear garden. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £175,000**KINGSWINFORD****Fittin Avenue**

OVERLOOKING AN ATTRACTIVE GREEN to the fore upon very popular Crestwood Park, this SUBSTANTIALLY EXTENDED, THOUGHTFULLY AND ATTRACTIVELY IMPROVED, MODERN DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS, VERSATILE and BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED accommodation, comprising: Entrance/Double Hall, Reception Hall, spacious large Lounge, separate formal Dining Room, attractively refitted Kitchen with appliances, separate Sitting Room/Playroom Office, THREE BEDROOMS and beautifully re-appointed bathroom. GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. With FULL WIDTH BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY to the fore which extends to the side of the property providing an approach to a GARAGE and enjoying a landscaped rear garden with paved patio, decking and lawns. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£172,500**NETHERTON****Saltwells Road**

This beautifully presented, conscientiously maintained, uPVC Double Glazed, Gas Centrally Heated, Three Bedroom extended Detached family home simply must be viewed to fully appreciate the standard of accommodation provided. The property briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Sitting Room with Bay, enlarged Lounge / Dining Room, enlarged Glazed Kitchen with a fine range of units, Three Good Bedrooms, Bath room with white suite, lengthy Tandem Garage with Laundry, Driveway and a pleasant Rear Garden. EPC Rating E. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£170,000**WORDSLEY****Woodstock Close**

Enjoying DELIGHTFUL DISTANT VIEWS towards the Cent Hills within this highly sought after cul-de-sac address upon the countryside fringe of sought after Ashwood Park/Forest, this SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED, NOW IMPRESSIVELY SPACIOUS and ATTRACTIVELY APPOINTED, MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers IMMACULATELY PRESENTED accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: entrance hall, spacious attractive lounge, extended & attractively re-appointed dining kitchen with appliances, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS and classic white bathroom. Set back behind the lawned fore garden together with GOOD SIZED TARMAC DRIVEWAY with SIZE CARPORT GARAGE and enjoying a TIERED & ATTRACTIVELY LANDSCAPED LOW MAINTENANCE REAR GARDEN. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£152,500**BRIERLEY HILL****Hillcrest Avenue**

Enjoying an elevated position within this established address, not far from town amenities, this RATHER WELL ARRANGED AND THOUGHTFUL, THREE BEDROOM, SEMI DETACHED FAMILY HOME affords a layout with GAS CENTRAL HEATING AND MAJORITY DOUBLE GLAZING, to comprise: Hall, Attractive Full Depth Sitting Room, Large Separate Dining Room, Family Breakfast Kitchen, Rear Porch, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom having separate W.C. Fore-garden, Recessed Garage and with a Lovely Rear Garden. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC Rating E. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£124,950**KINGSWINFORD****Broadmeadow**

This EXTENDED AND REPLANNED DORMER BUNGALOW is just off Stallings Lane with views across the maintained lawns of Broadmeadow, also having secluded generous gardens with garage and OFFERING A VERSATILE LAYOUT, within, offers the original bungalow ground floor layout with two further first floor bedrooms, in all offering: Hall/Dining Room, SPLENDID 19'6" x 12' LOUNGE with patio windows, attractively fitted Kitchen, ground floor Double Bedroom and Bathroom plus stairs from the Hall to two further first floor Bedrooms and GAS CENTRAL HEATING and DOUBLE GLAZING. Decorative forecourt with open views whilst rear garden includes BRICK GARAGE. EPC Rating E. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£124,950**RUSSELLS HALL****Bushey Fields Road**

This gas centrally heated, three bedroom semi detached home is situated in an established residential location, and may particularly APPEAL TO FIRST TIME BUYERS. Accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Driveway and Rear Garden. EPC Rating E. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£115,000**SEDGLEY****Birch Road**

An absolutely outstanding, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached in superb order throughout that has been 'transformed' in recent years. Accommodation provides reception hall, lounge, dining room (with patio doors out to the garden), refitted kitchen with a fine range of units & various integrated appliances, through lobby with utility/laundry room off and a separate w.c.. Three bedrooms, reappointed shower room with stylish white suite. Extensive parking to front, sheltered/well tended rear garden. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £114,950**COSELEY****Hinchliffe Avenue**

AN EXTENDED, gas centrally heated, and double glazed (part uPVC/part aluminium casements) semi detached with rare advantage of additional gated side space offering potential. Accommodation includes: hall, storage cupboard, refitted kitchen, extended 18'8" living/dining room, three bedrooms, reappointed shower room (former bathroom) with stylish white suite. Garage, parking, garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £102,000**DUDLEY****Pebworth Grove**

This well presented, modern style, uPVC double glazed (majority of units) semi detached home is situated in popular residential location and may represent an ideal first time buy. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, garage, driveway & a low maintenance garden. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £95,000**PENSNETT****Queen Street**

Occupying a generous plot, this traditional style, part uPVC Double Glazed, Two Bedroom Semi-Detached Home would now ideally benefit from sympathetic updating / improvement, yet offers EXCELLENT POTENTIAL. Accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Guest WC, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Garage, Driveway, and Rear Garden. EPC Rating E. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£74,950**NETHERTON****Park Road**

Representing an excellent investment opportunity, this Victorian Style, Double Glazed (where specified), Gas Centrally Heated, two Bedroom mid Terrace is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Accommodation briefly comprises: Two Reception Rooms, Kitchen, Bathroom, Two Double Bedrooms and Rear Garden. EPC Rating D. CASH BUYERS ONLY. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£54,950**WOMBOURNE****4 LARGE BEDROOMS**

AN INCREDIBLY DECEPTIVE and SUBSTANTIALLY EXTENDED TRADITIONAL DETACHED DORMER BUNGALOW set within EXTENSIVE GARDENS/GROUNDS, within a short distance of the heart of the village, having been EXPENSIVELY RE-APPOINTED throughout, enhancing the VERSATILE LAYOUT comprising: Porch, 32' Reception Hall, large Lounge, separate Dining Room, large family Dining Kitchen with appliances, Utility, Two Ground Floor Bedrooms (Master with refitted En-Suite Shower Room), ground floor refitted Bathroom, Two First Floor Bedrooms, refitted first floor Bathroom, GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. Set beyond the LONG DRIVEWAY/FRONT GARDENS with GARAGE and EXTENSIVE BEAUTIFULLY LAID OUT REAR GARDENS. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777.

£365,000**Station Road****LOWER GORNAL****Coopers Bank Road**

PART EXCHANGE CONSIDERED. AN EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS, modern, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached family residence of quality constructed circa 2008 (and covered by remainder of NHBC guarantee) in development of elegant first quality homes. Outstanding accommodation includes: hall, cloakroom, study, magnificent 27ft through living/dining room (with walk in bay & double french doors out to garden), superb 'hub of house' 18ft breakfast kitchen with an extensive range of units, fitted appliances & granite work surfaces & a further laundry section, breakfast tv room, Gallery landing, FIVE BEDROOMS (principal bedroom with professionally installed units & a shower room en suite), bathroom, garage, expertly landscaped secluded gardens. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £324,950**WALL HEATH**

A SUBSTANTIALLY EXTENDED MODERN DETACHED FAMILY HOME, very close to open countryside, enjoying an open front outlook, providing a LARGE layout, all BEAUTIFULLY RE-APPOINTED throughout, comprising: Reception Hall, large Lounge, Re Fitted Family Dining Kitchen with appliances, Laundry Room, ground floor Guests Cloakroom/WC, LARGE CONSERVATORY EXTENSION, FOUR GENEROUS BEDROOMS (Master with luxury En-Suite Shower Room), refitted House Bathroom; GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. FULL WIDTH DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and a secluded rear garden. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£279,950**Harvester Way****DUDLEY****NEW PRICE****Abbotsford Drive**

A quite exceptional, highly individual & spacious, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached family home at head of cul de sac within walking distance of Russell's Hall Hospital. Immaculately presented accommodation includes entrance vestibule, reception hall, magnificent transverse lounge, sitting room (alternate bedroom 3), shower room, refitted 'hub of the house' dining kitchen with a fine range of units/integrated appliances, garden room, utility room. To the first floor are two double bedrooms (both with extensive wardrobes) & bathroom with a 'Heritage' suite. MAGNIFICENT DISTANT VIEWS, lengthy 39'9" garage, secluded garden & further garden area with potential, extensive parking to front. EPC Rating F. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

WAS £249,950, NOW Offers in the region of £239,950**UPPER GORNAL****Old Quarry Drive**

AN ABSOLUTELY OUTSTANDING imaginatively EXTENDED, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached enviously situated virtually at head of cul de sac in favoured district with panoramic distant views of the Pennines, tremendously enhanced accommodation includes reception hall, elegant lounge with woodburner & walk-in bay, extended dining/sitting room (with lofty ceiling heights incorporating skylight), refitted breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units & many integrated appliances, fitted cloakroom; four generous bedrooms (principal bedroom with a fine range of fitted units & reappointed shower room en suite), reappointed bathroom with contemporary style white suite, garage, block paved parking/drive, delightful secluded well stocked/landscaped rear garden with many fine established shrubs & plants. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £235,000**DUDLEY****Elmstone Close (Off Richborough Drive)**

Enjoying TREMENDOUS VIEWS, an OUTSTANDING, significantly EXTENDED, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached that has been 'transformed' in present vendors since construction in 2005 to an exemplary standard. Accommodation entrance vestibule, large well equipped 'hub of the house' breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units & many integrated appliances, fitted cloakroom, 15'2" through dining room (with french doors out to garden) & a sitting room (also with french doors out to garden). Principal bedroom suite (loft ceiling height) with doors to balcony commanding panoramic views & a dressing room (with potential), three further bedrooms (one with shower room en suite) & stylish house bathroom. DOUBLE BRICK GARAGE & additional parking, large landscaped rear garden. EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £232,950**COSELEY****Southall Crescent**

CONSTRUCTED IN 2008 (and covered by balance of NHBC), a particularly SPACIOUS, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated double fronted detached set at head of lengthy block paved private driveway & comprising canopy porch, imposing 17ft reception hall, cloak, fitted cloakroom, through lounge with patio doors through to uPVC double glazed brick CONSERVATORY, well equipped kitchen with fine range of units & a utility room. THREE GENEROUS DOUBLE BEDROOMS (two with fitted built in wardrobes & principal bedroom with shower room en suite), bathroom, garage, extensive block paved parking, delightful gardens. EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £230,000**LOWER GORNAL****Ash Grove**

An outstanding & SPACIOUS, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached bungalow at head of quiet 'backwater' within walking distance of the village & all amenities. Significantly upgraded by present vendors, the extremely flexible accommodation provides imposing 30ft, reception hall, 18ft lounge, well equipped breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units & a range, principal bedroom with shower room en suite, two further bedrooms (one presently utilised as a sitting room), reappointed shower room (former bathroom). Former 'garage' converted to a utility/workroom. Delightful secluded landscaped rear garden patio & decking. EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £228,950

BEARWOOD**HALESOWEN****SEDGLEY****129 Poplar Road****0121 434 4345****21 Hagley Road****0121 550 3978****2A Dudley Street****01902 880888****Taylor's**

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Cotwall End Road



A meticulously maintained, tremendously enhanced & ENLARGED, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached envially situated within walking distance of country park, well regarded schools & so many other amenities & comprising reception hall, store, dining room with bay, sitting room with 'living flame' feature fire & patio doors through to brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, upgaraded kitchen with various integrated units, separate breakfast room, fitted cloakroom & a laundry cupboard. Three bedrooms (all with fitted units), shower room (former bathroom) & an additional reapointed shower room with stylish white suite. Shortened former garage used as substantial store, block paved driveway. Delightful secluded well tended rear garden. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 1902 880888

Offers in the region of £218,000

LOWER GORNAL

Cotwall End Road, Straits

An EXTENDED, significantly modernised & improved, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached bungalow envially situated upon imposing corner plot overlooking COUNTRY PARK in favoured district. Set within reasonable distance of so many amenities, the superb accommodation includes entrance vestibule, reception hall, two double bedrooms (one with wardrobe), enlarged reapointed bathroom with white suite, excellent lounge through to dining room beyond (with double french doors out to garden), upgraded kitchen. Secluded gardens to side & rear designed to ensure low maintenance & a brick former GARAGE with side driveway. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £208,950

DUDLEY

Fairview Road

A quite exceptional, tremendously ENLARGED & EXTENDED, Edwardian semi detached of character occupying a fine corner plot with EXTENSIVE PARKING. The uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated (comb boiler) accommodation includes: reception hall, 20 sitting room with bay, separate dining room, stunning 22' breakfast kitchen with a magnificent range of units & many integrated appliances, fitted cloakroom, 31' double glazed conservatory, FOUR BEDROOMS, tiled shower room (former bathroom). Many period features. Large garage, block paved parking, delightful sheltered garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £184,950

SEDGLEY

Longmeadow Drive, Northway

RARE OPPORTUNITY! A freehold, gas centrally heated & mostly uPVC double glazed detached bungalow requiring some sympathetic updating in favoured district where bungalows are only rarely made available for sale. Accommodation provides reception hall, cloaks cupboard, two double bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, lounge, dining room, garden room, upgraded kitchen, carport, garage, gardens arranged for 'minimum' maintenance. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £184,950

DUDLEY

Austin Close, Milking Bank

A significantly EXTENDED & conscientiously maintained, gas centrally heated detached family home with secluded rear garden & good distant views from the front. Set upon well regarded development, the carefully planned accommodation includes entrance hallway, lounge with bay & living flame feature gas fire, dining room, upgraded kitchen, pantry, laundry room, fitted cloakroom. Four generous bedrooms (principal bedroom with shower room en suite & two with built-in wardrobes), bathroom, walk-in store (two lofts), 17'6" garage, gardens. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £179,995

UPPER GORNAL**NEW PRICE**

Jews Lane

A significantly EXTENDED, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached family home in well regarded/convenient district with panoramic distant views and tremendous further potential. Accommodation includes entrance vestibule, traditional reception hall, pantry, dining room with bay, extended 16'7" sitting room with patio doors, extended kitchen, three large bedrooms (principal bedroom with shower room en suite) and a house bathroom, secure store, rear lobby & useful CELLARS. Delightful lengthy secluded rear garden. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

WAS £174,950, Offers in the region of £170,000

SEDGLEY

Dormston Drive

NO UPWARD CHAIN. Within walking distance of Sedgley's Bull Ring in quiet cul de sac, an outstanding, exceptionally stylish & well appointed, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached that has been 'transformed' by present vendors over the years. Accommodation provides entrance hallway, cupboard, superb lounge with living flame gas fire, transverse upgraded 'hub of the house' breakfast kitchen & a full traditional uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY. Three bedrooms (one with wardrobe), reapointed bathroom with white suite, block paved foregarden drive & secluded/sheltered rear garden, brick former garage. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £169,950

KINGSWINFORD

Moss Grove

Superbly located within short walking distance of Kingswinford, this DISTINCTIVE and MOST DECEPTIVE, MODERN, SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME OFFERS SPACIOUS, IMMACULATELY PRESENTED and EXPENSIVELY APPOINTED accommodation, including: reception hall, guests cloakroom/w.c., large full depth lounge, luxury fitted dining kitchen with appliances, THREE EXCELLENT BEDROOMS (master with en suite shower room), house bathroom, GAS CENTRAL HEATING, uPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and remainder of a 10 YEAR NHBC BUILDERS WARRANTY. Having DRIVE/PARKING SPACE, GARAGE and an ATTRACTIVELY LANDSCAPED, LOW MAINTENANCE REAR GARDEN. EPC Rating C. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£169,950

SEDGLEY

St Brides Close, Northway

Envially situated in short/quiet cul de sac just off Langland Drive, a superb, conscientiously maintained, freehold, gas centrally heated (comb boiler) & uPVC double glazed semi detached. Accommodation includes porch, reception hall, store, dining room with bay, lounge with patio doors, kitchen, lobby, separate toilet. Three generous bedrooms, recently upgraded & re-tiled bathroom with white suite, garage, delightful secluded rear garden, extensive parking. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £169,950

BRIERLEY HILL**REDUCED BY £7500**

North View Drive

This modern style, considerably enlarged, gas centrally heated, four bedroomed detached family home is situated in a quiet cul-de-sac, and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. The surprisingly spacious property briefly comprises: entrance hall, lounge, dining room, new kitchen, sitting/family room, guest wc, four bedrooms, bathroom, block paved driveway, and rear garden. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£167,500

LOWER GORNAL

The Straits

A traditional, freehold, gas centrally heated (comb boiler) & uPVC double glazed inter-war semi character envially situated within reasonable/level walking distance of Bull Ring & all associated amenities/schools. Accommodation provides imposing reception hall with original oak flooring, separate dining room with bay, sitting room with 'hole in the wall' living flame gas fire, refitted kitchen (integrated appliances), pantry, three bedrooms (two with wardrobes), reapointed bathroom with stylish white suite, garden with utility section, separate toilet, neat secluded rear garden, parking for numerous vehicles. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £162,950

COSELEY

Denise Drive

NO UPWARD CHAIN. An absolutely outstanding, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached (in favoured cul-de-sac) that has been 'transformed' by present vendors in recent years. Exemplary standard of accommodation throughout including: entrance porch, reception hall, stone, enlarged 16'3" lounge with bay, and 'living flame' gas fire, transverse 25'3" refitted 'hub of the house' dining kitchen with a range of 'Avanti' units & double doors out to garden. Three generous bedrooms (two with built in double wardrobes) and a further secure storage (with potential), enlarged/reapointed bathroom with a white suite. Garage, lengthy garden. Energy Rating G. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

WAS £162,995, NOW Offers in the region of £158,750

LOWER GORNAL

Wordsworth Road, Straits

An EXTENDED, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached family home in favoured district within walking distance of county park/schools/post office/bus route, etc. Accommodation provides entrance vestibule, reception hall, lounge, dining room with patio doors, kitchen, FOUR BEDROOMS, bathroom, lengthy garage, garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £156,950

DUDLEY

Himley Avenue

SPACIOUS, significantly upgraded, freehold, uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED & gas centrally heated DETACHED set at head of cul de sac. Stylish upgraded accommodation includes entrance hallway, 24ft living/dining room, 15'10" breakfast kitchen, THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS, reapointed bathroom with contemporary white fitted suite, garage, gardens. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £154,950

DUDLEY

St. James Road

A most attractive, significantly modernised, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed traditional semi detached of character in favoured 'tree lined' road within walking distance of town centre, and so many amenities. Accommodation includes: imposing reception hall (lofty ceiling heights), 27'4" through living room (formerly separate rooms) with bay, and double French doors to garden, refitted kitchen with a fine range of 'beech' effects units, and various integrated appliances, pantry. Three bedrooms, bathroom with a white suite. Secluded rear garden. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £154,950

SEDGLEY

Richmond Road

Tremendously modernised & improved, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed inter-war semi character envially situated within reasonable/level walking distance of Bull Ring & all associated amenities/schools. Accommodation provides imposing reception hall with original oak flooring, separate dining room with bay, sitting room with 'hole in the wall' living flame gas fire, refitted kitchen (integrated appliances), pantry, three bedrooms (two with wardrobes), reapointed bathroom with stylish white suite, garden with utility section, separate toilet, neat secluded rear garden, parking for numerous vehicles. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £154,950

GORNAL WOOD

Mount Close

An exceptionally STYLISH, tremendously enhanced & ENLARGED, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached in quiet/short cul de sac with good distant views from the rear. The 'transformed' accommodation includes entrance vestibule, dining room, lounge (with double opening uPVC double glazed doors out to the garden, enlarged/refitted kitchen with a fine range of units & various integrated appliances, further sitting room. Three generous bedrooms, reapointed bathroom with white contemporary style suite (chrome detailing), drive, good sized garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £149,950

LOWER GORNAL

The Straits

NO UPWARD CHAIN. An absolutely outstanding, exceptionally well appointed, gas centrally heated (comb boiler) and uPVC double glazed semi detached that has been 'transformed' by present vendors in recent years. Exemplary standard of accommodation throughout including: entrance porch, reception hall, stone, enlarged 16'3" lounge with bay, and 'living flame' gas fire, transverse 25'3" refitted 'hub of the house' dining kitchen with a range of 'Avanti' units & double doors out to garden. Three generous bedrooms (one with fitted wardrobes), stylish reapointed shower room (former bathroom) with white suite/chrome detailing. Gated driveway to brick garage, landscaped 'low maintenance' garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £149,950

SEDGLEY

Richmond Road

A traditional, freehold, gas centrally heated (comb boiler) & uPVC double glazed inter-war semi detached that has been significantly modernised/refurbished in recent months set in convenient district within reasonable walking distance of Sedgley's Bull Ring/associated amenities. Various period features remain (wood striped floor/fireplaces/picture rails) and the accommodation includes porch, imposing reception hall, lounge with bay, dining room (with double french doors), refitted kitchen with oven, hob & extractor, pantry, three bedrooms, upgraded bathroom with white suite, narrow 'garage' garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £145,000

LOWER GORNAL

Bank Road

Only recently constructed - a gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached by renowned local builder covered by architect's certification & situated within immediate distance of the village & all associated amenities. Accommodation provides reception hall, fitted cloakroom, well equipped kitchen with various integrated appliances, living/dining room (with double opening french doors to outside), under stairs cupboard, three bedrooms (principal bedroom with shower room en suite), bathroom, extensive parking, neat turfied & fenced gardens. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £144,500

COSELEY

Clifton Street, Hurst Hill

This immaculately presented, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated detached bungalow forms part of a development of just three properties 'tucked away' just off Clifton Street & is well worthy of internal inspection. The property is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN & briefly comprises entrance porch, hall, lounge/dining room, kitchen, splendid CONSERVATORY addition, two good bedrooms, wet room, block paved driveway & a low maintenance rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £139,950

WOODSETTON

Brook Street

An attractive, modernised & conscientiously maintained, freehold, uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED, gas centrally heated semi detached in well regarded district. Delightful accommodation includes entrance porch, reception hall, fitted cloakroom, sitting room with bay, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, tiled shower room (formerly bathroom), lengthy (24'10") garage, garden with good distant views. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £134,950

KINGSWINFORD**£2,000 REDUCTION**

Summer Street

A MOST DECEPTIVE and CHARMING PERIOD SEMI-DETACHED HOUSE which is superbly located within Kingswinford's old quarter within walking distance of the heart of the village, offering a BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED and SURPRISINGLY SPACIOUS layout, which includes GAS CENTRAL HEATING, uPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, comprising: Large attractive Lounge with log burner, separate Dining Room, luxury fitted Kitchen, refitted Bathroom with white suite, TWO SUPERB BEDROOMS (Master with En-Suite Shower Room) and stairs to LARGE ATTIC ROOM. The property is set back beyond a small walled frontage and, to the rear, enjoying a LARGE and ATTRACTIVELY LAID OUT REAR GARDEN. EPC Rating E. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£132,950

COSELEY

Acacia Drive, Bramford Estate

NO UPWARD CHAIN. A modernised, conscientiously maintained, Freehold, gas centrally heated (comb boiler), and uPVC double glazed semi detached in cul-de-sac within walking distance of so many amenities. Accommodation includes: reception hall, lounge with bay, dining room with patio doors, pantry, kitchen. Three bedrooms, recently reapointed bathroom with a stylish white suite. Extensive block paved parking, and large CONTRACTORS GARAGE (15'10" x 11'8") to the rear, garden. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £122,950



RODENBOYDELL

LOWER GORNAL



PROSPECT ROAD

A unique and extremely spacious, three / four bedroom detached home of considerable style that briefly comprises a reception hall, a spacious lounge, a dining area, a superb fitted kitchen, a downstairs w/c, a master bedroom en-suite with a private sitting room, two / three further bedrooms, a family bathroom, gas fired central heating, UPVC double-glazing, a garage and a beautiful rear garden. EPC rating C

£299,950

SEDGLEY



NORTHWAY

A four-bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge with an archway leading to the dining room, a fitted kitchen, a master bedroom en-suite, three further bedrooms, a family bathroom, a downstairs w/c, a utility room, an outside laundry room, double-glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, a tandem garage and a beautiful rear garden. EPC Rating D

£249,950

LOWER GORNAL



CEDARWOOD ROAD

A three-bedroom split level home that is arranged on two floors and briefly comprises a reception hall, a magnificent lounge with panoramic views, a dining room, a superb fitted breakfast kitchen with a comprehensive range of integrated appliances, a master bedroom en-suite, two further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a detached double garage and a delightful garden with views of Ellowes Hall sports field and open countryside beyond. EPC rating D

£239,950

SEDGLEY



NORTHWAY

A four bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a separate sitting room, a dining area, a magnificent kitchen with a comprehensive range of integrated appliances, a downstairs wc, a utility room with access to a storage room, a master bedroom en suite, three further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double glazing (where stated), gas fired central heating and a pleasant rear garden. EPC rating E

£229,950

MILKING BANK



CAERNARVON WAY

A four bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a magnificent fitted dining kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a conservatory, a utility room, a downstairs WC, four bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden. EPC rating D

£199,950

EARLS KEEP



HOPTON GARDENS

A three bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a lounge, an open plan kitchen/dining room, a conservatory, a master bedroom en suite, two further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden. EPC rating D

£181,950

SEDGLEY



EVERSLEY GROVE

A five-bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a guest cloakroom, a lounge, a magnificent open plan dining kitchen, a separate sitting room, a playroom, a utility room, five bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating and a pleasant rear garden. EPC rating TBA

£181,950

SEDGLEY



WARREN DRIVE

A four-bedroom link detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a spacious open plan lounge / dining room, a superb fitted kitchen, four bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double-glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, a carport, a garage and a pleasant rear garden. EPC rating TBA

£177,950

SEDGLEY



PENNS WOOD CLOSE

A three-bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a conservatory, a spacious lounge, a dining room, a fitted kitchen, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double-glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden. EPC rating D

£157,950

SEDGLEY

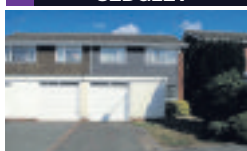


TURL'S HILL ROAD

A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a dining room, a lounge, a dining room, a conservatory, a fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a lovely rear garden. EPC rating E

£149,950

SEDGLEY



NORTHWAY

A three-bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a lounge, a dining room / sitting room, a conservatory, a magnificent fitted breakfast kitchen with a comprehensive range of integrated appliances, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a rear garden. EPC rating D

£139,950

MILKING BANK



BORDEAUX CLOSE

A two-bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a dining room, a fitted kitchen, two bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a delightful rear garden and views over the local parkland from the front elevation. EPC rating TBA

£132,950

THE HEDGEROWS



GOODRICH MEWS

A three-bedroom mid terraced home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a spacious lounge, a superb fitted dining kitchen, a master bedroom en-suite, two further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, allocated parking for two cars and a pleasant rear garden. EPC rating B

£126,950

LOWER GORNAL



RUITON STREET

A two bedroom end terraced home that briefly comprises a lounge, a conservatory, a superb fitted breakfast kitchen, a guest cloakroom, two double bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating and a garage situated at the rear of the property. EPC rating C

£119,950

SEDGLEY



KINGS ROAD

A three bedroom mid terraced home that briefly comprises a lounge, a dining room, a magnificent fitted kitchen, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating and a delightful rear garden. EPC rating E

£109,950

ASHDALE PARK



CARDONESS PLACE

A 50% shared ownership property that briefly comprises a reception porch, a lounge, a superb fitted dining kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, two bedrooms, a bathroom, double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a driveway and a rear garden. EPC rating C

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Motoring

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Vauxhall's convertible looks a winner

By Ian Donaldson

IT'S not hard to see where Vauxhall would like to be on the ladder of automotive desirability... on the rung below Audi, you'd guess.

Vauxhall's new, big four-seater Cascada convertible is the latest in a recent onslaught of new models, all aimed at giving the brand a more glossy feel for potential punters.

We've seen recent launches for the petrol/electric Ampera, medium-sized SUV Mokka and chic and small Adam.

The first will sell in tiny numbers, with the Adam finding tough opposition from Fiat and Mini and only the Mokka likely to make it high up the charts.

But you get the feeling outright sales are less important than making other road users take a second glance and ask 'what is that rather smart looking car over there?'

And now comes the Cascada, Spanish for waterfall (or the pop group representing Germany at the 2013 Eurovision Song Contest), which is predicted to sell only a couple of thousand here each year.

But you'll take notice every time one comes into view. It's a big car and it's got masses of smart street presence, with the hood up or



The Vauxhall Cascada is ready to roar into the convertible market

down (an action that takes a mere 17 seconds in either direction).

More look-at-me pulling power, for instance, than the smaller Audi A5 Convertible, which also costs nearly £8,000 more than the least expensive Cascada.

Now, that may not matter a jot to an Audi buyer, who would not even mention a Vauxhall in the same breath, but it sure matters to the seller of the Cascada, keen as moutarde to give the brand a bit of upmarket chic.

Cover over the badge and you'd never guess the car costs from a modest (in large convert-

ible terms) £23,995. Even under a watery English sky it looks terrific; utterly up to posing on the quayside at Monte Carlo among the inevitable Porsches... and Audis. You'd never guess it's a stablemate for the humble, company car park favourite, the Insignia.

Swathes

At least, not until you slipped inside, where you discover it now becomes an Insignia in all but name, with added swathes of nicely stitched leather to disguise thing a bit. That didn't stop the test car, a £26,095 version with the smallest engine available (1.4 litre petrol)



The Cascada oozes class with the roof down and the sun shining

having the most comfortable driver's seat I've enjoyed in living memory, thanks to a myriad of adjustments, heating and handsome leather facings. Eat your heart out, Audi.

Giving the Cascada a fabric roof has saved valuable weight over the folding metal contraptions that briefly shone in this sector. It's good to look at, works up to 30mph and produces no more noise than the fixed covering you might find in an Insignia. It does compromise boot space, leaving a long, thin slot for luggage when its folded away (all that fabric has got to go somewhere). The rear seats fold down to give



Now here's a dashboard to die for

lots more room with the roof in place.

Losing the rigidity of a fixed roof means, despite extra body strengthening, the Cascada wobbles gently on bad road surfaces, but it's not going to be a problem for owners who won't mind the trade off if it means hours basking in top-down sunshine.

A 2.0 litre diesel (£25,495) is expected to be the biggest seller in a range that tops out at £29,080 for a pumped up version of the same engine. The 1.4i Elite version's modestly powerful petrol unit was quiet and smooth but need a good prod to produce much action.

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Penalties decide final after it goes to extra time

**Stourbridge U12A 1
WBA U12 Colts 1
(aet, Stourbridge won 5-4
on penalties)**

STOURBRIDGE won a dramatic penalty shoot-out to take cup final victory.

Stourbridge started on the front foot and scored in the first minute.

With their first attack, Jordan Edwards battled hard on the edge of the WBA box and slotted the ball through to Rohan Brown, who poked it past the keeper.

West Brom threatened on the quarter-hour, but Hayden Reeves saved the day with a last-ditch tackle at the expense of a corner.

But the reprieve was shortlived as the ball was swung in and scrambled home for the equaliser.

In the first period of extra time, West Brom pressed but without creating too much in the way of clear-cut chances.

In the second period of extra time, with just a minute remaining, Stourbridge netted following a free-kick.

But the celebrations were cut short as the strike was ruled offside.

Both goalkeepers made fine saves in the shoot-out, but it was Stourbridge who prevailed.

**Forest Falcons U13 East 1
Stourbridge U13B 5**

Stourbridge needed victory to gain automatic promotion to Division One – and got it.

Some good football was played as Stourbridge eased home with two goals from Brooke Price and single strikes by Sam Green, Connor Fowkes and Liam Green.

Price took the man of the match award as Stourbridge celebrated gaining promotion with three games yet to play.

**Brierley Hill Bullets U15 1
Stourbridge U15B 4**

A hat-trick from Jordan Siviter and a splendid goal from Richard Hanson secured a much-needed win for Stourbridge.

But while the scorers may have got the glory, it was keeper Callam Rich who gained the man of the match award.

Rich had kept Stourbridge in the game early on with two magnificent saves which earned him the honour.

Results: Stourbridge U11 9 Gornal Colts U11 0, Kewford Eagles U12 North 0 Stourbridge U12B 3.



Neil McKnight, left, from William Perry and Aaron Bragan of Brooklands swap blows. McKnight got the verdict



Wayne Smith from Droitwich disappears through the ropes but returned to beat Brooklands' Jake McHale

Brooklands boxers are at full throttle for big show

A CAPACITY crowd delighted former English boxing champion Darren McDermott when he put on an amateur show at the Woodcross club at Bilston. McDermott, who runs Woodseton-based Brooklands ABC from his home gym, thanked supporters and sponsors for their response.

Among the Brooklands contingent in action was Chad Rogers, topping the bill and winning on points.

Nialle Benfield-York lost on points in what McDermott described as the fight of the night with many in the crowd thinking he had done enough to get the verdict.

Alex Benfield-York, Harry Conlan, Ethan Collins and coach Jason Hodgkiss were all points winners with Collins winning the best boxer award.

Luke McHale, Paige Goodyear, Aaron Bragan (in his first bout), Jake McHale, Liam Lawrence and Ryan Bragan were all beaten on points while Dyllon Rodger was stopped when caught cold by a body shot.

Hammers turn the screw on Lockmen

**Willenhall Town 2
Cradley Town 3**

TIRED and depleted Willenhall Town threw away a two-goal lead after a first-half performance as dominant as anything they have produced in the West Midlands Premier this season.

The Reds started well with former Willenhall keeper Matt Jones denying both Jake Morgan and Jan Trapszo early on before Karl Gardner cleared off the line.

Jamel Fuller saw an effort blocked on the line but the goal that had been threatened arrived on 22 minutes.

Trapszo and Fuller set up leading scorer Morgan to fire home. The lead was doubled seven minutes by Jamie Siviter.

Cradley began to get on top in the second half and forced 16-year-old Aaron Cooper into two excellent saves before another ex-Red, Chris Bladen, played through Spencer Blackham to finish on 54 minutes.

Bladen levelled with a header into the far corner three minutes later and with seven minutes left the Hammers got the winner.

Cooper saved spectacularly but the ball was scrambled home with several players claiming a touch.

European tour joy for Jones

BRIERLEY HILL darter Mark Jones will be a part of the PDC's European Tour event in Germany later this month after winning his spot in a qualifier.

He won two games at the Robin Park Centre in Wigan on Friday and will play in the tournament at the Maritim Hotel, Dusseldorf on May 17.

The 43-year-old defeated Josh Payne in the 10th leg to claim a 6-4 victory and then used just eight legs to see off Ian Walters 6-2.

'Little Mon' moved on to the weekend's UK Open qualifiers at the same venue on Saturday and received a bye to the second round.

But he was second best to world No 12 Gary Anderson, losing 6-1 then going down 6-3 to Jerry Hendriks at the same stage on Sunday.

However, Jones climbed a place in the world rankings and stands 61st in the PDC Order of Merit.

Male man is ready to deliver on comeback

CRADLEY'S Chris Male plans to exorcise his demons tomorrow night at the Venue in Dudley as he makes his comeback after a short-lived retirement.

The punching postman returns to the scene of his English featherweight title defeat on points to Leeds' Josh Warrington in November, his first loss.

Male hung his gloves in February after ditching plans to fight at Wolverhampton Civic Hall the following month but changed his mind just weeks later.

Now 'the Male Man' plans to deliver at the Venue against vastly-experienced Slovakian Elemir Rafael and then get back in the hunt for national titles.

The 30-year-old said: "I'm feeling refreshed and ready to go again, but I put so much in to the Warrington fight."

"I was mentally and physically drained afterwards. I jumped the gun by announcing my retirement."

"It was a snap decision after the defeat and, within a few weeks, I knew that I wasn't ready to give up boxing."

"It's in my blood and I'm not ready to walk away from it."

Male has endured an injury-riddled pro career since joining the paid ranks in 2008, which has already seen him sustain a badly-broken hand and torn rotator cuff.

Injury and inactivity kept him out of the ring for 14 months before facing Warrington and the Yorkshire man was simply too busy for Male on the night.

He said: "I had an injury

by Craig Birch

that kept me out of the ring for a long time before the Warrington fight, then I got myself in decent shape but lost the fight.

"It was tough to take. I felt like my chance to achieve something had slipped me by."

"I didn't want to become one of those fighters who just does the rounds."

"But I have taken stock though and now realise that an undefeated record is not the be-all and end-all."

"If you lose, you have to learn from it and I have done that."

Undefeated light-middleweight Kyle 'the Style' Spencer, from Brierley Hill, boxes on the under-card against tough Brummie Andrew Patterson over four rounds.

Tickets are still available at £30 for unreserved seating and £60 at ringside, which includes a three-course meal.

They are available from the Venue Box Office on 01384 453 101.

DK soundly beaten but show signs of promise



Some bright spots for DK as Matt Farrington, left, ploughs on and Duncan Chance scores. Pictures: Ian Jackson

DUDLEY KINGSWINFORF learned some lessons in this 90-point game.

With DK's future already settled, a mixture of experience and youth were dispatched to face Otley away on Saturday in National Two North.

The home side came out with all guns blazing as James Twomey scored in less than a minute.

Twelve minutes in, Duncan Chance

Otley 59 Dudley Kingswinford 31

equalised, Jon Higgins converting the try. But Otley's forward pressure smashed three tries past Dudley before half-time, leaving them 26-14 down at the break.

Tom Bissell scored right after the restart for DK, but Otley ran in four straight tries. DK were still enjoying

throwing the ball around and Connah Jones ran in from a tapped penalty.

Powerful Otley managed two more tries before the final whistle.

DK were well-beaten on the day in what was effectively a dead rubber for the team.

But they still showed flashes of promise which may bode well for next season.



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**It's tough
for Tipton
but they
get points**

Tipton Town 2 Kirby Muxloe 1
TIPTON TOWN consolidated their sixth place in the Midland Alliance table in a tough battle against Kirby Muxloe.

The home side took an early lead in bizarre circumstances on Monday night.

The ball was launched into the visitors' penalty area where defender Richard Phillips back-headed it over his keeper Michael Turner, who had advanced out of his goal and could do nothing to prevent the ball nestling home.

Kirby's Ryan Seal shot a couple of inches too high as the visitors pressed and Aaron Preston also came close after a clever chip by Ndouma Chilaka.

A chip by Tipton's Danny Dubidat was met by Richard Huckfield, but Turner kept out his header.

The threatened equaliser arrived in the 21st minute with Stuart Verrell forcing the ball home after a mix-up between Andrew Dicken and Paul Henley.

Tipton's cause suffered a massive blow when keeper Jack Hayfield was injured in a collision with Verrell and had to leave the field. Nigel Penney took over.

As the close of the half neared, Matt Martin forced Turner into making a smart save before Dubidat drove home Tipton's winning goal after Karl Edwards created the chance.

**Hosts make
their point**

Coleshill Town 2 Tipton Town 2
TIPTON let a two-goal half-time lead slip as Colehill Town fought back to draw Saturday's Midland Alliance clash.

Tipton should have put the game to bed and raced into a 2-0 lead with Nathan Waite and Karl Edwards on target in the 17th and 20th minutes respectively.

Paul Hathaway's chip just cleared the bar on 32 minutes before Edwards then headed against the post.

But on 62 minutes Chris Lloyd reduced the deficit from 15 yards and the hosts equalised when James Mutton turned the ball home following indecision in the Town defence.

■ Causeway United beat Highgate 1-0 in their final game of the season to guarantee Midland Alliance football for another season.

Aaron Lloyd scored the 57th-minute winner.



Robert Branford with his under-21 trophy. Picture: John Hipkiss Photography

Pearson's pride at meeting success

HEATHENS chairman Nigel Pearson has declared his pride at the success of the British Under-21 final held at Monmore Green.

The former Cradley club hosted the event for the second consecutive year in front of a bumper crowd as Coventry new-boy Robert Branford took victory.

Pearson was unable to attend as he presented the televised meeting between Lakeside and King's Lynn on Sky Sports on the same night.

But having been informed that the meeting was a resounding

Dudley Heathens

success, he has thanked both supporters and the Wolverhampton track staff for making event possible.

"We were very proud and privileged to be hosting the British Under-21 final for the second successive year," said Pearson.

"I'm not giving any secrets away when I say the crowd was up on last year, which we were very pleased about. Straight after the meeting I

was on the phone to my colleagues and I was delighted to hear about the success of the meeting.

"Congratulations to Robert Branford. I'm delighted he has been able to secure a place in the National League, albeit at the expense of Oliver Greenwood who I wish all the best for a speedy recovery.

"Thanks to all the supporters who turned out and proved once again on a national basis that Dudley is such a well-supported club.

"Yet again it just proves what a success it is staging meetings at

Wolverhampton with Chris Van Straaten and all his track staff.

"From a Dudley Heathens point of view we couldn't do any of this without Wolverhampton and their track staff, so a big thanks to them once again for all their work."

Dudley's Ashley Morris was fourth and Branford's win earned him a quick return to Monmore.

Dudley booked him to guest against Mildenhall two nights ago with skipper Morris in action for Premier League Workington at Scunthorpe.

**Defeated
Dudley
go down
fighting**

AFC Wulfrunians 2 Dudley Town 0

DUDLEY fought hard but could make no impression on West Midlands Premier title contenders AFC Wulfrunians.

Goals from Kyle Brady and Ross Brown helped the home side to victory.

Brady had AFC's best opportunity early. His shot from the left was tipped over the bar by the keeper.

He also went close when Nathan Rose-Laing flicked the ball on for him, only for his effort to fall just wide.

He again tested the Dudley goal shortly before the break but his effort from David Howells' cross was mishit and grazed the post.

Wulfs continued on the front foot in the second half.

Rose-Laing latched on to Michael Robertson's ball into the area but fired over.

Brady finally gave Wulfrunians the lead 15 minutes after the interval. Rose-Laing's strike from Jake Sedgemore's free kick was tipped up by the keeper and as it fell, Brady managed to beat him to the ball and force his header in.

Substitute Ross Brown made an instant impact as his header from Brady's free-kick entered a crowd of players surrounding the goal, only for the ball to be launched clear.

Brown doubled Wulfs' lead when his connection with a Brady corner flew past the keeper.

Dudley's first shot on target came in the 87th minute when a scramble from a corner saw three players go up for a header and Danny Tipton pulled off a brilliant save.

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WHO'S TO BLAME? TAKE YOUR PICK

WOLVES are poised over the League One trapdoor with the finger of blame pointing in all directions.

Saturday's 2-1 home defeat to Burnley left them doomed to third tier football next season barring an unlikely sequence of results in Saturday's finale. Wolves need to win at Brighton and hope Peterborough and Barnsley lose against Huddersfield and Crystal Palace respectively.

Wolves also need an overall five-goal swing in their favour to overcome Peterborough's better goal difference.

Against Burnley, Wolves couldn't recover from goals by Danny Ings and Martin Paterson, with substitute Nouha Dicko's 88th-minute effort their lone reply.

It left Wolves facing the prospect of becoming the first English team to twice suffer successive drops from the first to the third tier.

Wolves owner-chairman Steve Morgan has presided over four managers in 16 months. One of them - Stale Solbakken - has blamed him for failing to give the new culture introduced with the Norwegian's appointment last May more time.

Hired

"I have no confidence in the owner - he's a fantastic businessman and he could be a good owner if he had someone competent to deal with the footballing side of things," said Solbakken, who left Wolves 18th in the table before he was sacked on January 5.

"Morgan hired me because he wanted to build a new culture, create a new identity and make sure the club wasn't ridiculed if given another chance in the Premier League.

"It was surprising that he thought this would be done in 15 minutes. My intention was to build a team over three transfer windows and get the right balance in the

by Tim Nash

squad. But he got tired and went back to the previous culture. It still hurts."

But Wolves player Stephen Hunt pointed to Solbakken's "slow" style of football.

"I don't want to criticise the previous manager but he came straight into this league with a style that doesn't go down too well," said Hunt.

"We got stuck in a rut, playing slow football. And if you play slow football in this league, you get battered."

"I have respect for Stale Solbakken. He stuck to his guns in what he did. But for me, you just can't do that."

Former manager Mick McCarthy, dismissed when Wolves were in the Premier League, said there was "not a chance" they would have been in their current position had he remained.

"They'd be at least in the play-offs," he said.

Current boss Dean Saunders wants to carry on. "Yes, I want to stay," he said.

"I got the team going again, but the injuries have done us - we're struggling to score. The chairman picks the manager and I stay as long as he wants me."



Wolves are hurtling headlong towards League One football and Matt Doherty can barely believe what's happening

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